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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Malaya Appraisal

THE importance of General Templer's recent statement in London on the situation in Malaya has been somewhat obscured by the thought-provoking speeches of Sir Winston Churchill and Mr. Attlee in the House of Commons and the indignant reactions which came from American congressmen. Nevertheless, in several respects, General Templer's appraisal of developments in Malaya was the most important yet made. He allowed the facts and figures to speak for themselves, and they add up to this: Communist bands no longer operate on the fringes of the jungles, raiding from their lairs into farms and plantations. They have been almost completely withdrawn into the deep jungle country in order to avoid contact with the Government troops and police. There they remain as a potential menace rather than an immediate one. The contrast with two years ago is complete. Then the monthly number of "major incidents"—mostly murderous raids on isolated farms and plantations—was nearly 200. In the first quarter of this year it was eighteen. Communist casualties, whenever contact can be made with them, are high. The number of surrenders is steadily increasing; the armed Communists who have not been withdrawn to the deep jungle now operate in small groups of anything from three to a dozen men. These are hard to track, but they are comparatively innocuous. All this means that the attempt to overthrow the authority of the Malayan Government and set up a Communist regime on the Vietminh pattern in a part of the country, which was started in 1948, is now petering out.

THE fact is that the organisers and controllers of the "rebellion" completely misjudged the situation. Misled by their own theories, they really seemed to have believed that once they started an armed revolt they would be sure of a mass support which would make it impossible for the Government to cope with. That support never came. There were, originally, plentiful jungle hiding places near to a scattered population—largely composed of Chinese "squatters"—who could be easily raided and terrorised into giving supplies. But these difficulties, baffling at first, have been largely overcome. Troops have been trained in jungle warfare; the Police have been reorganised; Home Guards have been raised and armed. And it is right and proper that a large share of the credit for dealing with the Communist marauders should go to the Malaysians themselves. There is justification for the belief that the danger which seemed to threaten Malaya has now largely passed. But that is not the end of the story. As in other instances the Communists change their tactics rather than their objectives. Their real design in Malaya has been, not to "liberate" the Malaysians, but to paralyse the economic life of the country, which is of such importance to the economy of the whole free world. The rebellion has failed. Now they are turning to other familiar Communist methods of infiltration and subversive propaganda. It is prudent, therefore, to appreciate that though their record of terrorism will now be rather a liability than an asset, their new line of activities can become more than troublesome. The good sense and balanced judgment of the inhabitants of Malaya will be the most effective weapons against the new threat.

BRITAIN BACKS NEW UN TRUCE PROPOSALS

Eisenhower Reiterates Principles

Washington, May 26. President Eisenhower said tonight that no Korean prisoners of war "will be repatriated by force" and "no prisoners will be coerced or intimidated in any way."

Mr. Eisenhower said in a statement that certain principles inherent in the United Nations Command position "are basic and not subject to change."

The White House declined to say why Mr. Eisenhower was issuing the statement.

But Administration sources said the purpose was to clear up misunderstandings the President felt had developed regarding the United Nations armistice proposals submitted to the Communists over the weekend.

There have been reports that the prisoner of war issue would be referred for final settlement to the United Nations General Assembly.

The text of Mr. Eisenhower's statement follows: "The attention of the free world is focused upon the armistice negotiations at Panmunjom. There, on May 25 the UNC (United Nations Command) renewed its efforts to bring an honourable peace to Korea on a fair and humane settlement of the POW issue."

"To speed these negotiations, the UN requested executive sessions. We are continuing to observe the executive nature of these sessions."

BASIC PRINCIPLES

"There are, however, certain principles inherent in the UNC position which are basic and not subject to change."

"No prisoners will be repatriated by force. No prisoners will be coerced or intimidated in any way. And there must be a definite limit to the period of their captivity. The procedures used in handling the prisoners must, reflect these principles."

"In all this, our allies are in full accord. The principles accord also with the prevailing view of the representative bi-partisan group and Congressmen who have been consulted."

"Finally, these principles upon which we stand are the same as those which were formally approved by 54 members of the United Nations."—Reuter.

Duke Lands In Palace Grounds

London, May 26. The air-minded Duke of Edinburgh sprang a startling Royal innovation today when he ordered a British Army helicopter to drop to the grounds of Buckingham Palace to take him to end of his public duties.

The helicopter swooped low over a Coronation sightseeing crowd of thousands around the Palace and drew gasps of astonishment as it slid slowly down only a few yards from the Palace.

The Duke called for the helicopter to take him to a place near London where he is to inspect Coronation troops.—United Press.

Warning Given By Korean Stevedores' Union

Pusan, May 26. The Korean Stevedores' Union today warned its members would refuse to discharge Japanese ships bringing ammunition to Korea.

They accused the Japanese seamen of wholesale smuggling and said the United Nations had agreed to replace the Japanese ships trading to Pusan with Korean vessels.

A Korean Government official today said that Korea was having difficulty in getting suitable ships because the Japanese Government had refused entrance of a Korean procurement commission.

However, the official said the Chinese Nationalist Government on Formosa had told Korea it should act as a buying agent.

The official said that the South Korean Government and the United Nations' Korean Reconstruction Agency had agreed to use US\$1,000,000 of United Nations funds to buy ships.—Reuter.

But They Are Still Secret SIR WINSTON'S STATEMENT

London, May 26. The British Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill tonight announced the full support of the British Government for the new Korean armistice proposals put forward at Panmunjom yesterday by the United Nations negotiator General William Harrison.

In a statement issued tonight from No. 10 Downing Street, Sir Winston Churchill said that the proposals were secret and that it was only possible to say that they were "very close to the terms of the Indian resolution passed by the United Nations in December last."

This resolution provided that both Chinese and Korean prisoners who refused repatriation should be placed under neutral custody but that a definite time limit should be provided for their release.

The text of the Prime Minister's statement said: "The proposals put forward by General Harrison at Panmunjom yesterday were prepared by the United States Government after consultation with the British Government and other Commonwealth and United Nations Governments."

"As these proposals are secret, it is not possible to say more than that they are very close to the terms of the Indian resolution passed by the United Nations in December last."

"They have the complete support of the British Government."

Commenting on the British attitude to the new United Nations proposals, a Foreign Office spokesman said tonight that they represented "a real attempt to bridge the gap" between the positions of the two sides.

FULLY DISCUSSED

He added that they resulted from "full and detailed discussion" between the United States and the other United Nations Governments concerned in the Korean campaign.

Criticism in London of the Communist truce proposals of May 7 has concentrated on their failure to fix an eventual time limit for the release of prisoners who refuse repatriation and on the possibility that they might make possible the introduction of fresh Communist troops from Poland and Czechoslovakia who would be members of the neutral commission, into South Korea.

It is recognised here that the Communist proposal of May 7 did concede the issue that there should be no forcible repatriation of prisoners of war.

The latest United Nations proposals are understood in usually well informed quarters to have dropped the suggestion made from the United Nations side on May 13 that Korean prisoners should be released immediately without transfer to neutral custody.

In the proposals put forward yesterday, it was understood

both Chinese and Korean prisoners refusing repatriation would be transferred to neutral custody.—Reuter.

NEHRU CONFIRMS

New Delhi, May 26. The Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, addressing a public meeting here today said: "Yesterday the United Nations or, if I may say so, the United States, put forward new proposals."

"They have not been published in the press but I have come to know of their broad outlines."

"According to my information these proposals come much nearer to the Indian resolution than previous United Nations proposals. Certain complicated matters have been altered."

"I hope the fullest consideration will be given to these proposals and that a speedy solution will be reached now that there is very little difference between the Chinese eight-point proposal and the latest United Nations proposals."

"I see no reason why the matter should remain unsettled any longer."

Mr. Nehru said: "It will be strange if minor differences are not ironed out."

The Indian resolution proposed a 4-Power repatriation commission—Czechoslovakia, Poland, Sweden and Switzerland or any other four non-combatant nations, two being nominated by each side. It proposed all prisoners should be handed over to the repatriation commission but that each side should have the chance to tell the prisoners their rights and explain the latest United Nations proposals.

Mr. John Foster Dulles, the American Secretary of State, is due here today on his fact-finding tour of the Middle East and South Asia.

The bomb was a home-made type of hand grenade and scattered hundreds of leaflets around. Written in English and Greek, they read: "Warmonger Dulles, get out of Greece. You will not make Greece another Force."

They were signed with the initials of the Greek Communist Party, which has been proscribed.

It agents made a similar attempt in another central part of Athens a few weeks ago when some arrests were made.—Reuter.



Patrol Boat Explodes

Hongkong Firm Loses Trading Privileges

Washington, May 26. The Office of International Trade of the Commerce Department today announced it has denied all export trading privileges in strategic goods to Victor England, his San Francisco firm, Victor England Agencies; the Capital Company of Hongkong, and Peter H. T. Pan, a partner of the Capital Company until May 1, 1955.

The office said that England and Pan in September 1951, after United States export controls on shipments to Hongkong and Macao had been tightened, entered into an arrangement to circumvent these controls by establishing in Lisbon, Portugal, a firm called the Capital Company.

One shipment of loudspeakers in violation of regulations was made to the Lisbon company and they were trans-shipped to Macao. A traveller from the United States carried to Pan at Hongkong as personal baggage a shipment of twist drills, the office said. England had also destroyed documents after being requested to produce them.

The trade office said England had been under suspension for seven months and Pan under suspension for violating control since April 3 of this year.

"England consented to the issue of his denial order," it said. "Pan substantially admitted his violations."

England and his firm, the office added, would be allowed to make shipments of magazines and periodicals from San Francisco to Hongkong and Macao "to earn a livelihood in a non-strategic business which can be adequately policed by customs officials."—Reuter.

Wind, Snow Buffet Climbers

New Delhi, May 26. Stiff winds carrying snow drifts buffeted the British expedition high on the 23,002-foot Mt Everest today.

Reports reaching Kathmandu, Nepal, said it was believed that the British climbers would withdraw to a lower camp for a brief rest before making another attempt to conquer the mountain.

The expedition was reported to have established successfully its advanced camp less than 4,000 feet from the summit of Everest and were preparing another camp on a rocky ridge even closer to the summit from which two-man teams were to make their final assaults.

Today's weather report by All-India Radio said that there would be winds of 30 and 35 knots around the top of Everest for the next 24 hours with the possibility of snow falls tomorrow. Fair but cloudy weather was expected with temperatures anywhere between 10 and 20 degrees below zero Fahrenheit.—United Press.

Whitsun Holiday Death Toll

Paris, May 26. Nearly 200 people were killed and hundreds injured in the three-day Whitsun holiday in Germany, Italy, Austria and France, according to unofficial figures.

Most of the deaths were on the roads as people streamed from the cities to the countryside and beaches to enjoy the heatwave. Others were drowned. Some died of sunstroke.—Reuter.

CAMEL-MOUNTED ROBBERS

New Delhi, May 26. Thirteen robbers, mounted on camels swooped on the house of a rich merchant at Bayawar Malan near Jodhpur and stole \$10,000 worth of property including a hoard of gold and silver. It was reported here tonight.

The robbers were a gang of Dacoits which had been terrorising areas south of Jodhpur for some time.—Reuter.

Petrol Heater Explosion Kills 4

Buenos Aires, May 27. Four people were killed and three seriously injured when a petrol heater exploded while seven friends were making coffee in a house.—Reuter.

MAN'S STORY OF HOW HE RESISTED BLACKMAILER

Future Safety Of His Sons Offered As Reward

Washington, May 26. Rumanian-born Valeriu Georgescu, educated in England and now working in America, broke down and wept today as he told how he refused to become a Communist spy for the price of his two sons' release from a Rumanian prison camp.

He said the attempt to blackmail him into spying was made by the First Secretary of the Rumanian Legation in Washington, Mr. Christache Zambetti.

The diplomat was ordered by the State Department today to leave the country. A terse note to the Rumanian Embassy said he was *perrna non grata*.

In a Washington hotel room, Mr. Georgescu told reporters that his two sons—Constantin aged 19, and Peter, 14—were in a camp at Bolosani, southern Rumania.

He said the diplomat called at his New York home on May 20 and produced a photograph of the two boys. On the back was a sentence saying: "Dear Daddy, please do all you can to help us."

The diplomat said: "You may see your children within a year if you will agree to collaborate politically with us."

Mr. Georgescu, who took a Bachelor of Science degree at Birmingham University in 1928 and is now an executive with the Standard Oil Company, said he replied: "I don't intend to sell my conscience to work for you—you want to bargain for the release of my children against my conscience."

After the interview, he and his wife informed the State Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

RECEIVES RECEIPT

Each month, Mr. Georgescu said, he sends the children some money through a bank in Rumania and receives a receipt with the boys' signature. "The signature is the only way I have of knowing they are alive," he added.

"It was not an easy decision for my wife and I to bring this into the open, but it seems the only way in which we can protect our children."

In the official language of the State Department, the Rumanian diplomat was found guilty of trying to subvert Mr. Georgescu to collaborate politically with the Communist regime of Rumania to the detriment of the United States Government.

He is the fourth Rumanian Legation official to be deported from the United States since the war.

A State Department spokesman said Mr. Georgescu's sons would be given preferential treatment to emigrate to the United States if the Rumanians ever let them leave Rumania.—Reuter.

Refugees Reach Naples

Naples, May 27. A charter plane carrying 52 White Russians on their way to Brazil, arrived here last night. They said they had been expelled from Communist China. They will continue their journey by sea.—Reuter.



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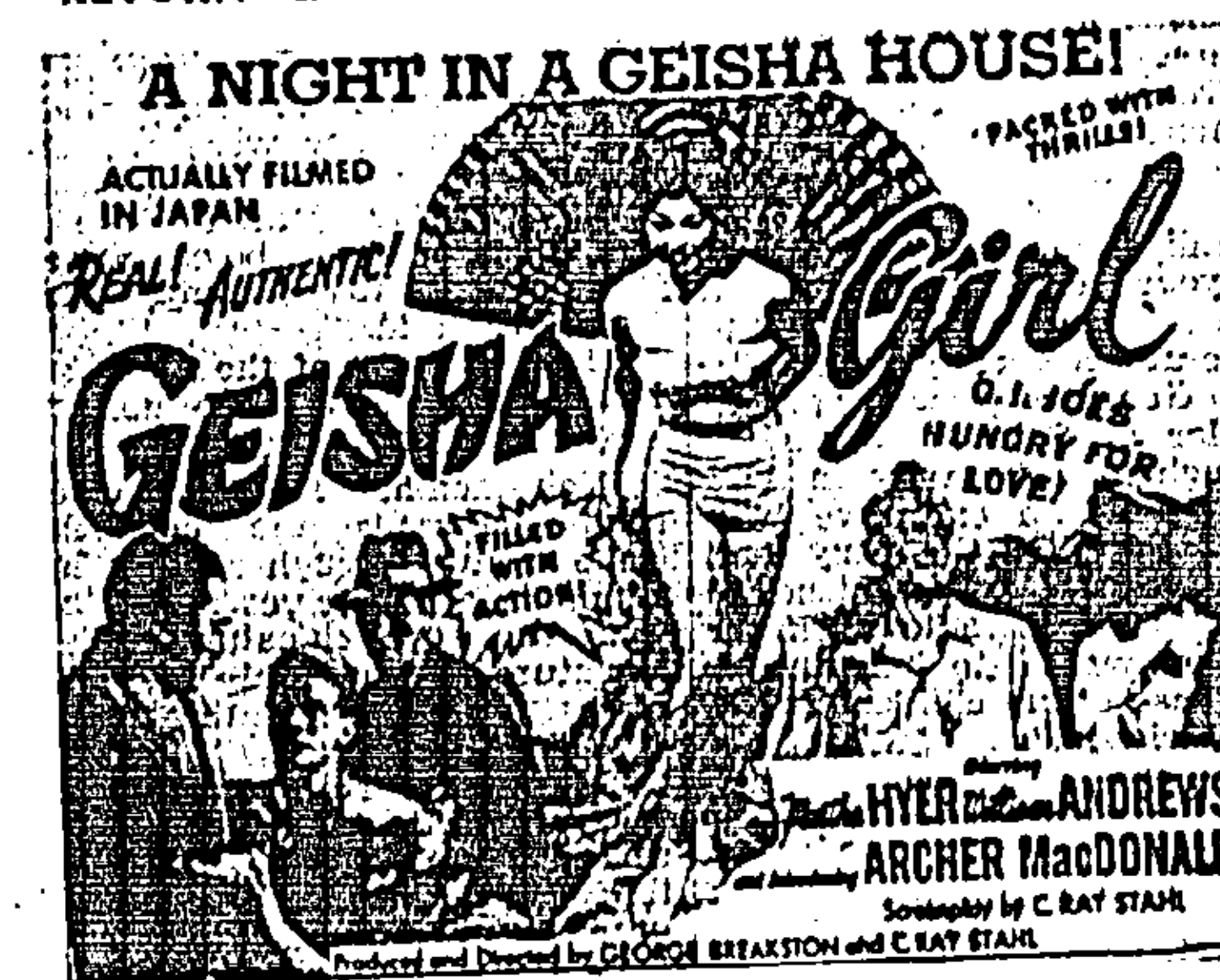


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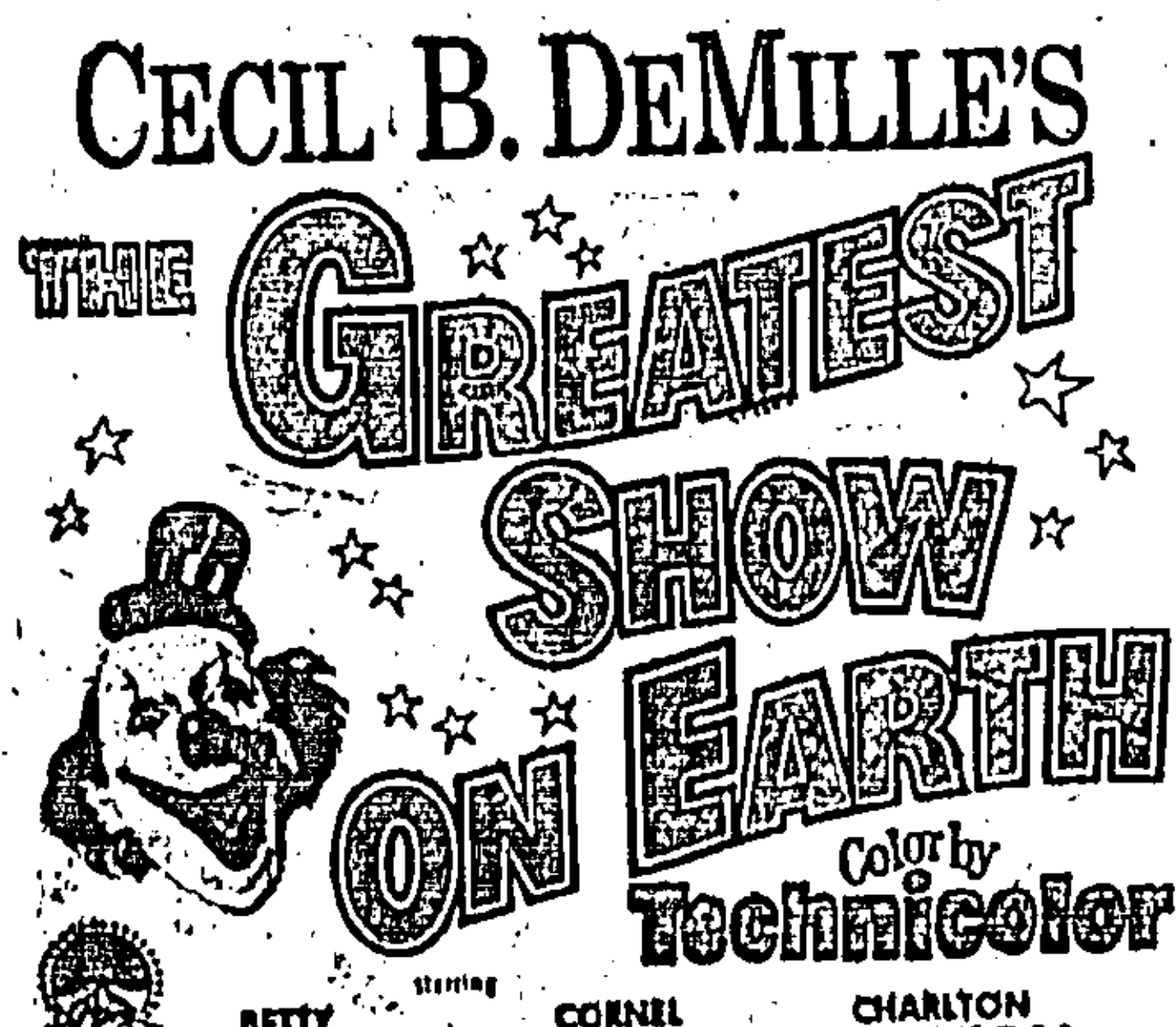


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LONDON
TALKS A
"CURTAIN
RAISER"URGED TO
PASS
MEASUREEntry Of Europeans
Into America

Washington, May 26. The acting Secretary of State, Mr. Walter Bedell Smith, urged Congressmen today to pass a bill under which 240,000 persons from Europe would be given special permission "to enter the United States during the next two years.

This would include 110,000 persons in Western Germany, Berlin and Austria who have escaped from the Iron Curtain; 75,000 persons from Italy; 20,000 each from the Netherlands and Greece and 15,000 persons now in Turkey, Trieste or the territories of the North Atlantic Organisation countries who have escaped from Communism.

Mr. Smith told the Immigration Sub-committee of the Senate Judiciary Committee that efforts to bolster the Western defence against Communism and to maintain decent living standards could be defeated by the crushing weight of surplus population.

"Each year, Greece has six times as many new workers entering the labour market as Belgium," which has a population of comparable size, Mr. Smith said.

"Lack of resources and of arable land, war devastation and Communist guerrilla activity have gravely heightened the population problem. Emigration to Canada and Australia is beginning to help. The admission into the United States of an additional 20,000 Greeks would considerably ease the burden on the local economy and strengthen the bonds between this country and Greece, which stands so courageously on the common front of the Iron Curtain."—United Press.

Cairo Mission
In Italy

Venice, May 26. An Egyptian military mission which began a tour of Italy on May 21 arrived here last night on a visit to northern Italian defence installations. The Egyptian mission, led by General Hassan Mahmoud, Egyptian Chief of the Air Staff, is visiting the peninsula at the invitation of the Italian Government. The mission will leave Venice tomorrow morning for Bologna, Modena and Florence, arriving in Rome late in the evening. The mission will leave for Cairo on May 28.—United Press.

Third General Elections
In Italy Since
End Of War

Rome, May 26.

Italy's 30,000,000 voters, the most canvassed in the world, will be called to the polls on June 7 for the fifth time in eight years.

They will be casting their votes in the country's third general election since the war, re-electing both Houses of Parliament; the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies.

In 1943, 1946 and 1947 they elected, in patchwork fashion, all their local government bodies.

In 1946, they held their first general elections, for the Constituent Assembly which ruled Italy until 1948 and at the same time drew up the country's republican, democratic constitution.

At the same poll, they decided by approximately 15,000,000 votes to 11,000,000 to abolish their monarchy.

In 1948, they held their second general elections since the war or the first of the new parliamentary regime.

In 1951 and 1952, all the country's local government bodies were renewed.

PLENTY OF PRACTICE

Twenty years of Fascist dictatorship meant that after the war the great majority of Italians voted for the first time in their lives.

Since then they have had plenty of practice. So have Italy's political parties.

The 324 political groupings which presented candidates in 1948 have been whittled down to eight main national parties.

There are divided into three main groups: Communists and leftwing Socialists on the left; Christian Democrats, Social Democrats, Liberals and Republicans in the centre; and Monarchists and the Neo-Fascist Italian Social Movement on the right.

Since 1948, the Communists and leftwing Socialists have presented joint lists of candidates at all elections, so that there is no precise measure of their respective strengths.

VANISHING GROUPS

Both the Social Democrat party and the Italian Social Movement have been built up in recent years out of the following of small groups which have now practically vanished.

The general election in 1943 resulted in the following distribution of seats in the two Houses of Parliament:

	Chamber of Deputies	Senate
Christian Democrats	307	130
Popular Front	182	74
Social Democrats	33	12
Liberals	18	9
Republicans	10	3
Italian Social Movement	6	1
Monarchists	14	4
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The victory of the Christian Democrats, who gained absolute majorities in both Chamber and Senate in 1948, was ascribed in large part to the fear that the Communists and leftwing Socialists, working closely together, might win control of the country.

Over 92 per cent of the electorate went to the polls, an unprecedentedly large number. The normally apathetic middle classes and large numbers of women flocked to the polls to avert the "Red" menace.

LOSING CONTROL

Signor Alcide De Gasperi, leader of the Christian Democrats, gathered the three other centre parties into a government coalition. These were the Social Democrats, Liberal and Republicans.

In the next few years, the Liberals and then the Social Democrats fell out of the coalition. But they continued to form part of the centre bloc, as opposed to the growing blocs of left and right.

The 1951/52 local election results disclosed that the centre bloc was in imminent danger of losing control of the country. The latest poll showed that the four centre parties together

polled only 51.7 per cent of the nation's votes.

With the support of all the centre parties, the Prime Minister, Signor De Gasperi, therefore forced through a turbulent Parliament a bill which automatically gives about two-thirds of the seats in the Chamber to the alliance of parties which wins a fraction more than 60 per cent of the total vote.

NO GUESSES

The Senate will continue to be elected on the system in force in 1948, which provides for the return of one senator from each of 237 electoral colleges.

If the centre parties, as expected, gain more than half the total vote, the new enlarged Chamber of Deputies is likely to be made up very approximately, as follows:

Centre parties (Christian Democrats, Social Democrats, Liberal and Republican)	300 seats
Leftwing (Communists and leftwing Socialists)	140 "
Rightwing (Neo-Fascists and Monarchists)	60 "
Independents	10 "
	510

Since the unexpected dissolution of the Senate which was not due to be re-elected until next year, took both the centre parties and their enemies of right and left completely by surprise, none of them has hazarded a guess as to how the new Senate will be composed.

All men and women in Italy over the age of 21 have the right to vote for the Chamber of Deputies unless debared by a court of law for criminal offences. But the age limit is raised to 25 for the election of the Senate.

The voters for the Chamber of Deputies total 30,000,000. Those for the Senate are estimated to number about one million less.—Reuter.

Red Planes
Bomb
Kimpoo Field

Seoul, May 27. From three to five propeller-driven Communist planes bombed the Kimpoo airfield just northwest of Seoul early today (Wednesday).

There was no immediate report as to whether the bombs caused any casualties or damage to Allied installations. The planes flew over the Seoul area, but there were no reports of bombs falling in the city.

A "red alert" was sounded in Seoul at 2 a.m. (1700 GMT Tuesday) this morning and the city was blacked out. The all-clear came 25 minutes later.

An Air Force spokesman said the planes apparently were light liaison types and not regular bombers. Light Communist planes made a similar raid on Kimpoo several weeks ago.—United Press.

700 Pretenders
Unmasked

Dortmund, May 26. About 700 "false" aristocrats have been unmasked in West Germany since 1946, registrars announced in a conference here. The registrars said in several cases descendants of aristocrats had illegally attempted to adopt the title of heads of families who had died.—Reuter.

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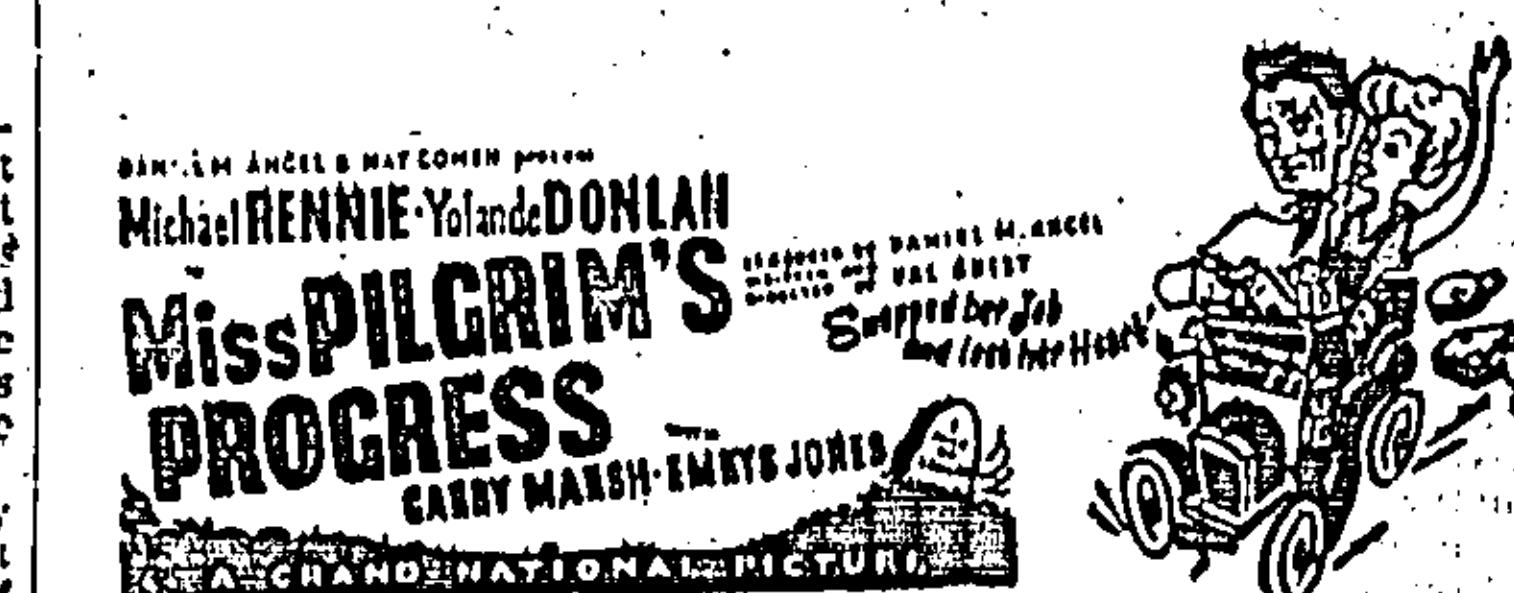
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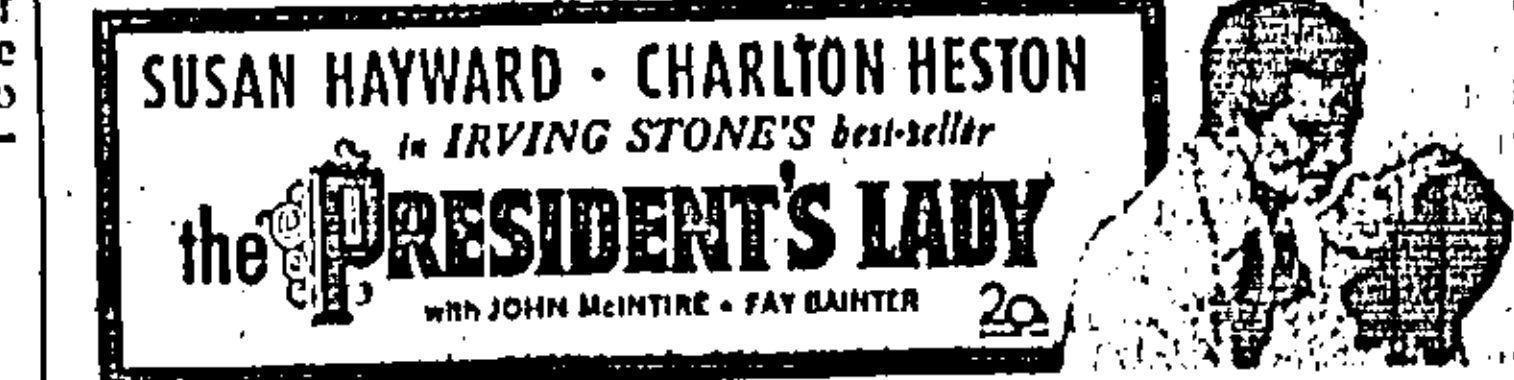
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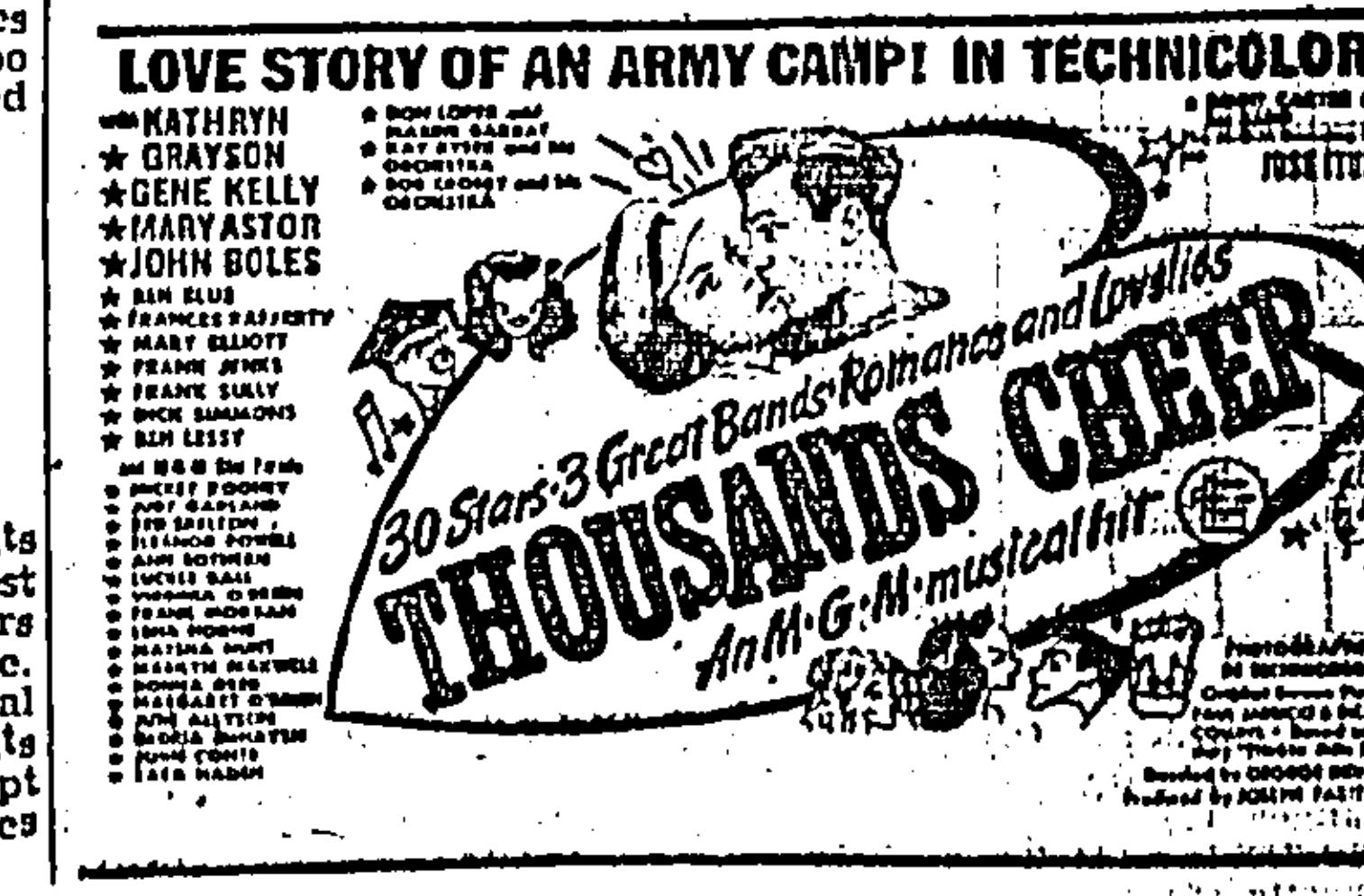
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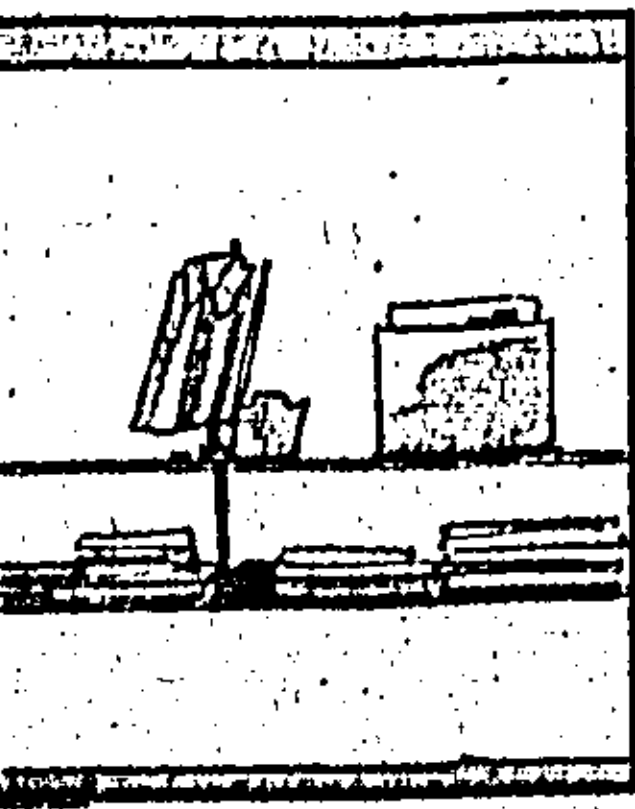
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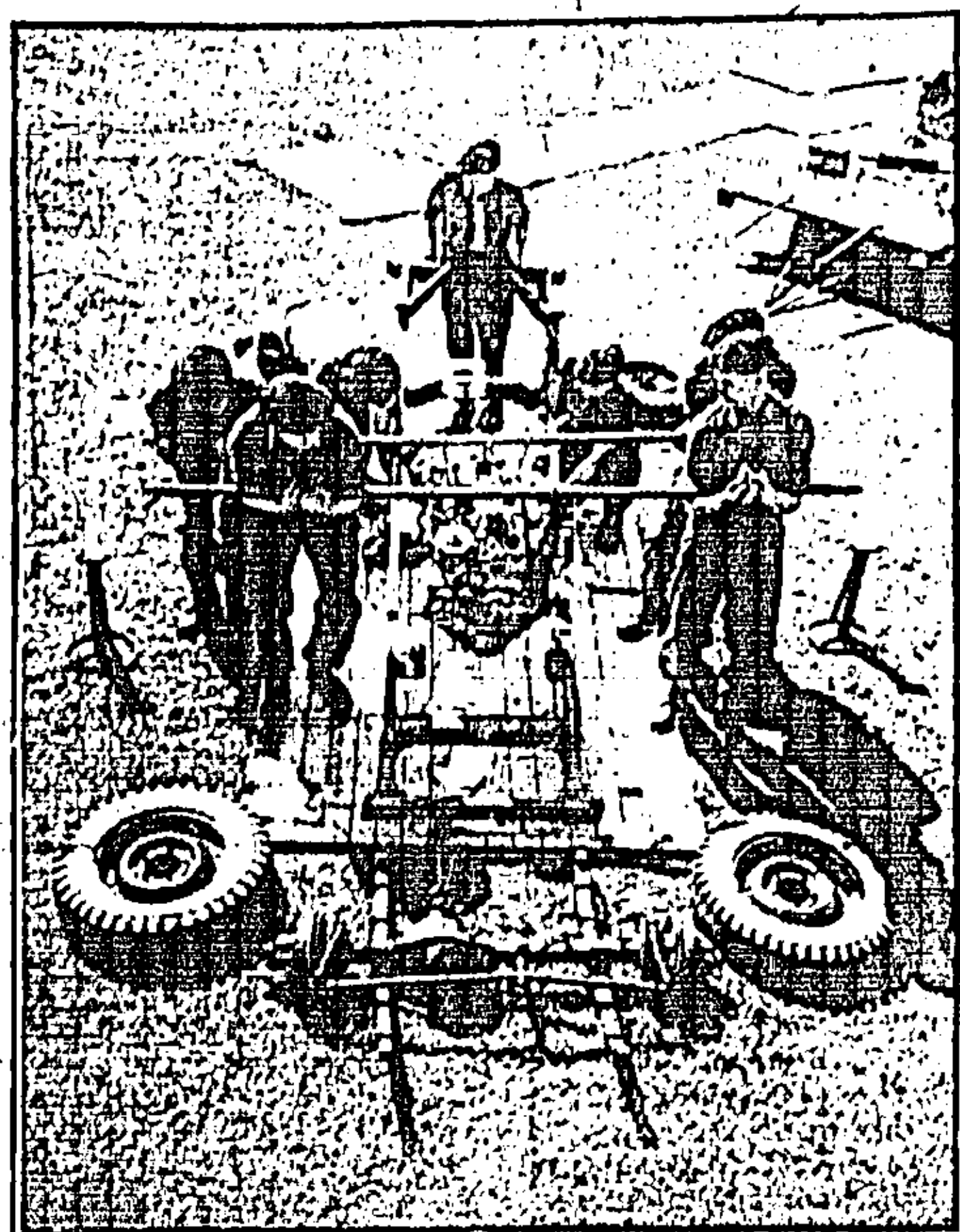
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New Appointment

New York, May 26. The resignation of Mr. Constantin Zinchenko, Soviet Assistant Secretary-General in charge of the Security Council Affairs, and the appointment in his place of Mr. H. S. Chernyshev, also of the Soviet Union, who is 41 and was formerly Soviet Ambassador to Sweden, was announced officially by the United Nations today.

Mr. Chernyshev has also served as advisor to the Soviet Ministry of Foreign Affairs and also as deputy head of Tass, the Soviet news agency.

The announcement said that the United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, had accepted the resignation of Mr. Zinchenko for reasons of ill health.

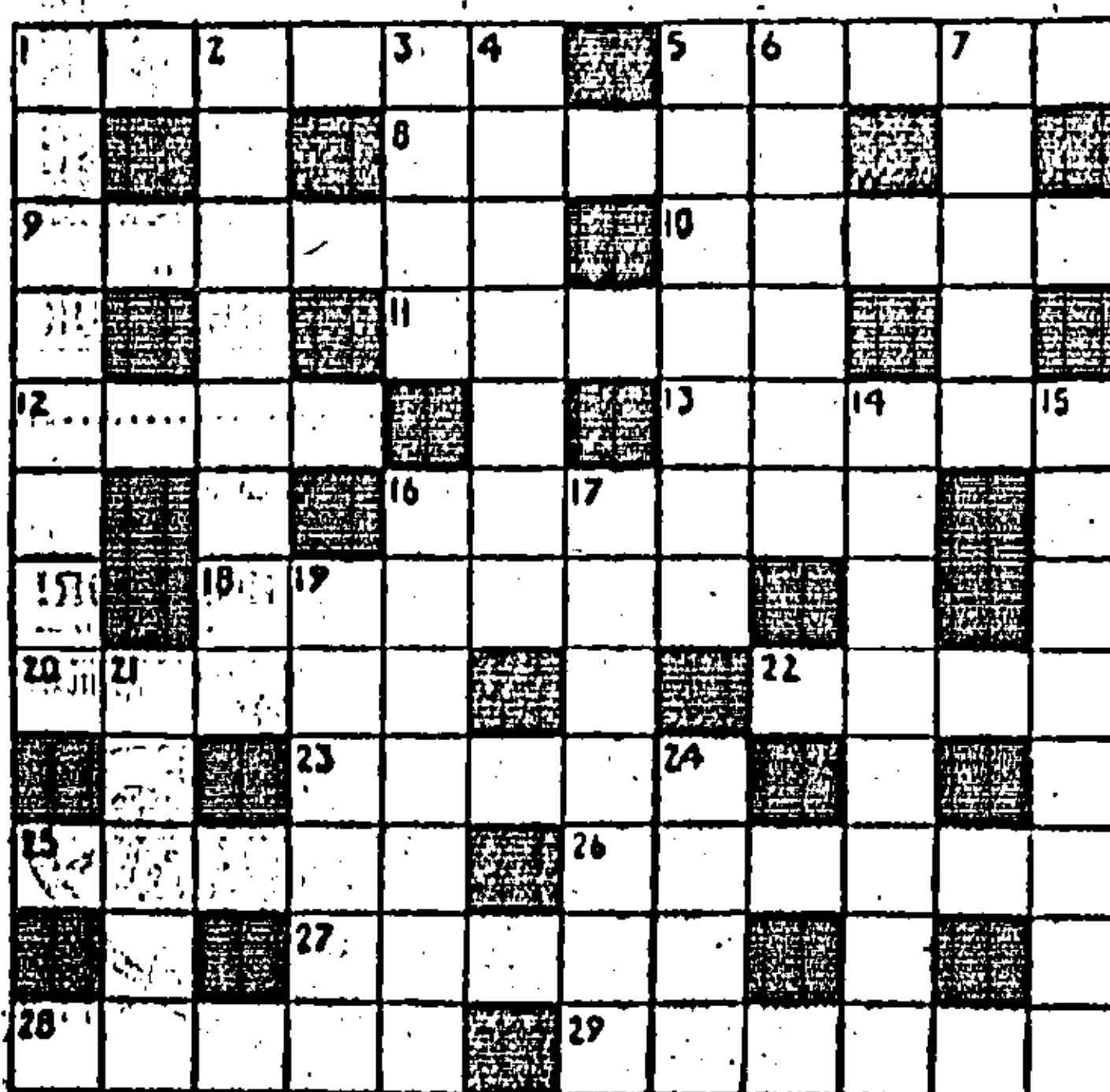
The announcement further said that Mr. Chernyshev had been appointed to complete Mr. Zinchenko's unfinished term of office which expires on February 1, 1954.

In his reply to the Secretary-General's letter offering the post to him, Mr. Chernyshev stated that he would arrive in New York about June 20.—Reuter.

For The Tokyo Zoo

Brisbane, May 26. Sixty Australian parrots and three kangaroos for the Tokyo Zoo left today aboard the freighter Eastern Glory.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
1. Artist's material (6).
2. Submit to (5).
3. Danger (6).
4. Cavalryman (6).
5. Chair (5).
6. Bear (5).
7. Uniform (4).
8. Trials (5).
9. Loothe (6).
10. Card suit (6).
11. Daub (5).
12. Arrest (4).
13. Passes over (5).
14. Force open (5).
15. Mass (6).
16. Finished (6).
17. Inclined (5).
18. Fell (6).

DOWN
1. Gathers (8).
2. Rubbish (6).
3. Imitated (4).
4. Closely packed (7).
5. Swells (7).
6. Dodges (6).
7. Law (5).
8. Deceit (7).
9. Smiled foolishly (8).
10. Obscure (7).
11. Places of worship (7).
12. Satisfied the examiners (8).
13. Code (6).
14. Planic (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3. Sage, 7. Gripes, 9. Ruler, 10. Ship, 11. Phatic, 12. Spot, 13. Usurp, 14. Grim, 15. Realm, 16. Rub, 17. Tilt, 18. Evade, 19. Dies, 20. Erected, 21. Part, 22. Conn, 23. Trepid, 24. Rued. Down: 1. Brill, 2. Epicure, 3. Alter, 4. Era, 5. Lido, 6. Stun, 7. Aside, 8. Peel, 9. Tame, 10. Pride, 11. Prod, 12. Glee, 13. Titled, 14. Tart, 15. Verge, 16. Belle, 17. Idol, 18. Spar.

West Challenges The Soviet Views On Austria

London, May 26.

The three Western deputies for the Austrian State Treaty today challenged the Soviet view that a deputies' conference could not take place unless each session were specifically convened by the four-power Council of Foreign Ministers.

The deputies of Britain, France, and the United States, in a daylong meeting in London today, replied by letter to the communication yesterday sent to them by the Soviet Ambassador to Britain, Mr. Jacob Malik.

Ban On British Pacifist

Reversal Of Ruling Asked In Washington

Washington, May 26.

The United States Government was asked today to reverse a ruling forbidding the entry of Stewart Morris, a 62-year-old British pacifist leader, to lecture on pacifism in America.

Appearing before an appeals board of the Immigration Service on behalf of Mr. Morris, who was detained on Ellis Island upon his arrival from Britain, counsel Edward Ennis argued that the British exclusion violated American tradition and the spirit of the law.

The Morris case, he said, was a challenge to Americans to live up to their basic tenet that free speech was the best way to inform the electorate.

Mr. Ennis told the Board that Mr. Morris had served six months in prison in 1942 for violation of the Official Secrets Act but that that had nothing to do with the question of his entry into the United States.

He said that Mr. Morris was lecturing in Hyde Park, London, when a stranger told him, "You've got it all wrong about Lenin, and gave him a commendation." Government documents detailing certain plans of the British Government during the war effort.

Anxious lest some of these plans might endanger Gandhi's life, Morris had asked a question about it on the floor of the House of Commons, Mr. Ennis continued.

The member was advised that the question would not be answered on the ground that it involved wartime secrecy and further investigation by the Government into how the Member got his information had led to Morris and a Foreign Office official, Mr. Ennis recounted.

Both were arrested, he added. Mr. Ennis did not specify whether this incident had influenced the Immigration authorities' bar on Morris.—United Press.

TOUR BEHIND THE CURTAIN

Vienna, May 26.

Miss Radhummari Amrit Kaur, India's Health Minister, visited Prague last week, the official Communist Czech trade union organ "Prace" reported.

The Minister was welcomed at the Prague airport by the Czech Health Minister, Josef Plojhar, other Czech officials and by India's Charges d'Affaires in Prague, Prem Krishen.

The paper said that the Indian Minister has left Prague for Moscow.—United Press.

Mr Nehru Defends Decision To Attend The Coronation

New Delhi, May 26.

Mr. Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, said today that his participation in the Coronation ceremonial next week would not "in the least compromise my dignity, the dignity of the country or of the people I represent."

Mr. Nehru was criticised in the Lower House (House of the People) in a foreign policy debate two months ago for his decision to accept an invitation to attend the Coronation.

The deputy leader of the Indian Communist Party in the House, Professor Hiren Mukherji, spoke of the "medieval nursery of a British Coronation" and attacked India's link with the Commonwealth which, he said, compelled her Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, to attend.

Mr. Nehru told a public meeting today that India had decided to remain within the Commonwealth after considerable deliberation and also because such a connection was to the advantage of India and the world.

There was no question of India owing allegiance to any Sovereign and either side was free to terminate the relationship.

The last few years had proved that the link with the Commonwealth had been beneficial to India.

Mr. Nehru said that certain Indian leftist parties had held the view that he should not attend the Coronation. People with such an attitude had not only completely missed the significance of his visit, but also appeared to ignore the fact that India was now completely independent.

He was not going to London on holiday or to attend recep-

Lao Soldiers In Thailand

Bangkok, May 26.

News reports reaching Bangkok today stated that a group of 85 soldiers, presumably Laos, in full battle uniform who crossed the border from Lanchang into Thailand in the province of Loi, north-east Thailand, had been arrested by Thai frontier police.

The reports said that the troops were disarmed and placed under investigation. The reports did not state whether the troops had wandered across unintentionally, whether they were deserters or whether they were trying to infiltrate into the country.—United Press.

Kashmir: Nehru Hopeful

Creation Of A New Atmosphere

New Delhi, May 26.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, indicated today that he had asked the American Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, not to interfere in the Kashmir question, and to leave it to be settled by India and Pakistan.

Mr. Nehru made this statement in a speech before the Delhi section of the Congress Party.

He added that the intervention of foreign powers in the Kashmir problem only complicated the issue.

He told his audience that he had suggested to "certain foreign leaders" that the best way for them to help in reaching a friendly solution would be to stop interfering, and to allow the two countries to settle the matter between themselves.

Praising the sincerity of the Pakistani Prime Minister, Mohammed Ali, Mr. Nehru said that a "new atmosphere had been created."

The Indian leader added that this atmosphere "justified hopes that the two parties would be capable of settling their disagreements in a friendly spirit."

He referred to the recent statements made by the new Pakistani Prime Minister, saying that they showed the same desire for a friendly settlement.

He said that he and Mohammed Ali could go over the possibilities together when they met in London during the Coronation celebrations and then again upon their return.—France-Press.

Jamming By E. Germany

Berlin, May 26.

East Germany is trying to prevent people listening to West Berlin radio stations by building jamming transmitters, Western Radio officials said today.

Technicians of Rias, the United States High Commission Radio Station in West Berlin, said they knew of four such transmitters which made listening impossible because of permanent buzzing signals.

Some had an effect of 20 miles.

Refugees today reported a fifth which, they said, was put into operation last night.

Listening to West Berlin Radio Stations is not officially forbidden in East Germany but spreading of news received from any such broadcasts is liable to punishment.—Reuter.

American Congress Furore Over Administration's Cuts In Air Force Funds

Washington, May 26.

Representative Melvin Price (Democrat, Illinois), charged today that the Budget Director, Mr. Joseph M. Dodge, had used the "meat axe technique" to slash Air Force funds, possibly overriding even the Defence Secretary, Mr. Charles E. Wilson.

As evidence he produced a letter dated May 7 in which Mr. Dodge listed a \$5,090,000 cut in air appropriation requests as an objective and told Mr. Wilson to "adjust your recommendations accordingly."

In a prepared speech Mr. Price called the letter "arbitrary" and said that it raised serious doubt as to whether the military leaders were being consulted on the reduction.

Mr. Price's charges came amid these other developments in the Congressional furore over the deep cuts the Administration has ordered in the defence budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1:

1.—General Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Air Force Chief of Staff, said that he was present when the National Security Council decided the overall defence cut but that "I was not asked my opinion, and therefore did not give it." He declined to comment on the Air Force cut-back until he could determine "exactly" what the new 120-wing goal consisted of.

2.—Mr. Wilson said that "sooner or later" he would answer the 60 questions on the defence programme put to him by Senator Margaret Chase Smith who said that she was dissatisfied with his testimony before a Senate Sub-Committee Appropriations.

3.—Senator Paul H. Douglas (Democrat, Illinois), said in a radio interview that there was a question of whether Mr. Wilson's proposals "are his or dictated by business interests seeking a reduction in taxes."

4.—Senator Stuart Symington (Democrat, Missouri), former Air Secretary, said that "some of the information coming out of the Defence Department from civilian experts is exactly opposite to that of some military experts."

5.—Republican Charles B. Brownson (Republican, Indiana) charged that protests against the Air Force cuts came from "publicity-hungry armchair strategists charging into bloodless battle against the Democratic donkey."—United Press.

OFFICIAL'S REPLY

Chicago, May 26.

The Deputy Defence Secretary, Mr. Roger M. Kyes, today stoutly defended the Administration's cut-back defence programme as the "most effective and efficient" way to get military strength "without weakening the economic body" which supports it.

The Administration's decision to slash military spending—especially by the Air Force—has touched off a furious controversy in Congress.

In defending the policy Mr. Kyes made these points:

1.—The Army, Navy and Marines had reached "satisfactory force levels."

2.—There was enough money available "so that it will not be necessary to deduct any combat planes from previous production schedules as established by the Air Force."

3.—The Truman Administration's goal of a 143-wing Air Force by mid-1955, was "too high for orderly achievement in the time available with unfortunate results." The Eisenhower Administration's 120-

MOST UNFORTUNATE

The Administration's policy was to "proceed with equipping our present wings with the most modern combat aircraft" and, at the same time, developing additional wings.

5.—With the volume of production it was now no longer necessary to provide funds so far in advance. The Administration intended to ask for only as much money as it needed for a given period.

"We think that the past practice of leaving the impression with the people of the United States that because large sums of money have been committed and figures of great magnitude are used as targets—that they can have the feeling of security has been most unfortunate," Mr. Kyes said.

"We propose to tell the people what can be produced and not ask for any more money in the way of appropriations than is necessary to do the job that can be reasonably accomplished during the period in question."—United Press.

Akihito Visits Cambridge

London, May 27.

Prince Akihito will be at Cambridge tonight as the dinner guest of the University's Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sir Lionel Whithy.

The Japanese Embassy stated yesterday that the Crown Prince would attend an evening garden party tomorrow to be given by Queen Elizabeth at Buckingham Palace.

Crown Prince Akihito will be accompanied at the party by the Grand Chamberlain, Mr. Tokanobu Mitani.—Reuter.

Improving But Still Serious Situation In The Shan States

Rangoon, May 26.

The Burmese Foreign Minister, Sao Hkun Hkio, told the Agency France-Press today that he would not be able to attend the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth in London as he had expected, because he was being kept busy by the question of the disposal of the Kuomintang troops in Burma and the situation in the Shan States.

The situation in the Shan States was serious because of Communist activities, he said, but less serious than a month ago. The Communists had been scattered, he added.

The Burmese Foreign Minister hoped the Kuomintang question could be settled satisfactorily before the next General Assembly of the United Nations.

Sao Hkun Hkio declared that he saw no sign of a foreign invasion, as in Laos, and that "the behaviour of our neighbours on the frontiers is very correct." He planned a three-month foreign tour after the problems had been settled.—France-Press.

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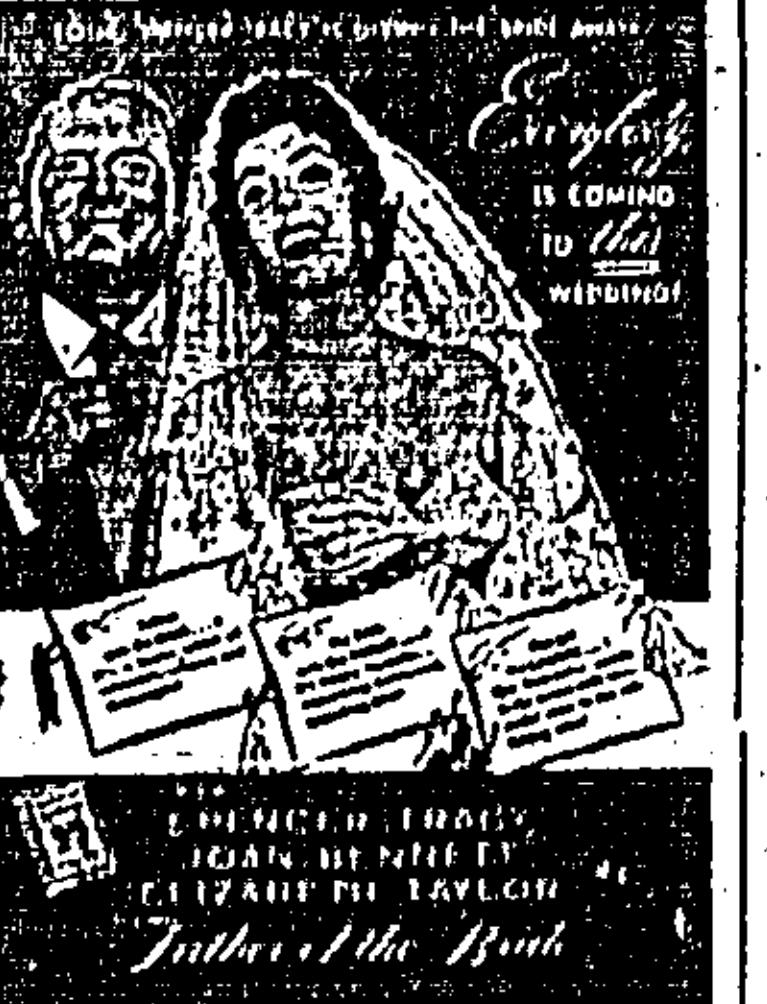
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"They said, 'Anything on board there shouldn't be' and for a joke I said, 'Only the Crown Jewels,' so for a joke they said, 'O.K. there's five minutes before your ship leaves—let's have her down to make sure.'"

London Express Service

EVEREST

THE British Everest expedition is now on its last lap in its bid to reach the roof of the world.

But now Colonel Hunt, its leader, faces a vital decision which may decide eventual success or premature failure.

This concerns the best way of climbing the South Col. It depends partly on the condition of the snow and ice.

In my opinion the best way up—although much harder going—is by way of the Eperon des Genevois, the rocky spine which juts up in direct line with the South Col.

Along this spine Colonel Hunt can, if he is sure, set up an intermediate camp. The Swiss did not stop to set up a camp, but made the 12-hour climb to the top, which left us and our porter, the Sherpa Tensing, in a rather poor condition that could not be overcome at that height.

The second route Colonel Hunt can choose—longer perhaps, and even more dangerous—is by way of the Lhotse Glacier, well to the right of the Eperon des Genevois.

This route, however, has the danger that if the team is caught in violent storms, avalanches from the glacier may crash down upon them.

Groundwork

IN my opinion it is possible to establish an intermediate Camp 6 on the Eperon at 7,000 metres (22,966 ft.).

Fixed cords from Camp 5 can be established and in case of bad weather and snow the team's return will be guaranteed.

There is also far less risk of avalanches by the Eperon route. Whichever route Colonel Hunt chooses he must bear in mind—and this also is vital—that heavy groundwork has got to be done by the team to help the Sherpas and carriers.

Unless the way is made as easy as possible for the Sherpas, and they are encouraged all the time, they rapidly get disheartened and will either refuse to carry on or will lag behind.

If Colonel Hunt decides on the longer route over the Seracs ("teeth of ice") of the Lhotse Glacier, they will have to cut across horizontally for more than 1,000 metres (about 3,280 feet).

Advantage

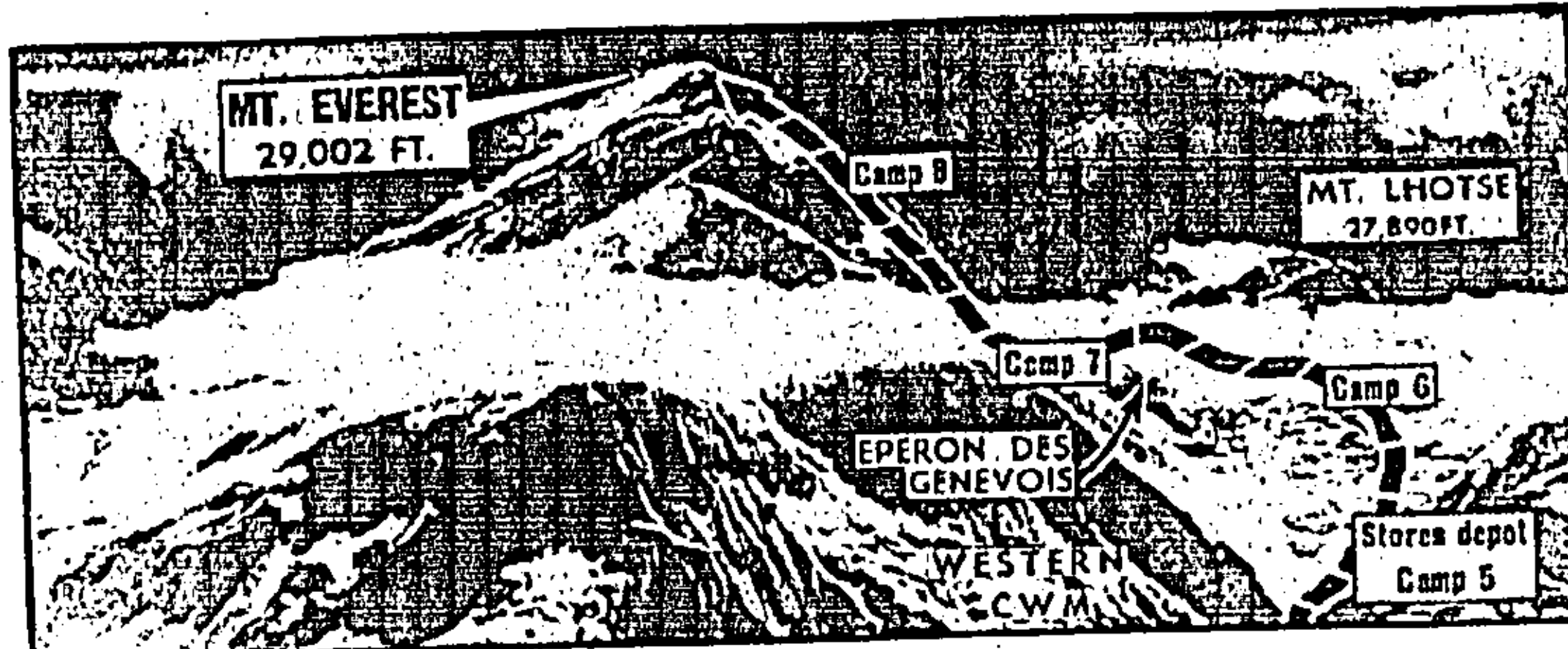
HERE the danger is the possible rupture of "planchettes" of snow—formed by the violent winds blowing the snow off the Eperon's spine.

Their form "planks" which break away with terrific noise and slide down the glacier.

The only advantage of this route: it would be easier to establish an intermediate camp if Colonel Hunt, in a reconnaissance sortie, finds it impossible to establish one on the stony Eperon des Genevois.

This intermediate camp, which we Swiss did not have, is of the utmost importance. More Sherpas can be used to carry up more material and the Sherpas can return to Camp 5 the same day.

If this camp is not established, as many Sherpas as possible will have to be used to take the material right up to the South



AHEAD LIES AGONY
says the man who has
got nearest to the top



FIRST OF A

SERIES BY

RAYMOND LAMBERT

the Swiss mountaineer who climbed to within 797 ft. of the summit last year.

Col at one go—an 11 or 12-hour march.

It also means more tents, more food, more material of every sort, heavier packages, and greater physical deterioration of the men.

For, after a climb from Camp 5 to the South Col—a distance of about 1,000 metres, the Sherpas are in no condition to return the following day even if weather conditions are excellent.

Here again all depends on how many Sherpas Colonel Hunt has managed to persuade to follow him to these altitudes. These Sherpas do not like the mountains at these heights—they become sick and ill. We know that it is because of the lack of oxygen, but they cannot understand that.

All they feel are pains, heavy legs, and heavy heads, and they do not like it.

The Swiss team last autumn started off from Camp 5 with ten Sherpas. Within a few hours the number had fallen to seven, and then to five. The loads these men were carrying had to be divided between the rest who could carry on. This, in turn, weakened them rapidly, and they also fell out.

Once you start from Camp 5 you must go on, therefore the sick men have to be helped or even carried as well.

If you return to Camp 5 these primitive men would never climb up again and all the efforts of the team would be reduced to zero.

Whichever route Colonel Hunt chooses he must be certain that the men chosen for this task are acclimatised beforehand for altitude work.

The team cannot stay at South Col without oxygen and they cannot stay there to wait for good weather as the quantity of oxygen needed will be built up on the backs of the carriers—is too great.

If they dared to wait, their physical deterioration at a height of 7,880 metres (25,853 ft.), where we Swiss put up our Camp 6, would be so great that they would never have the strength to make the final assault, or worse, to come back after reaching the summit.

The South Col is definitely the big "mouse-trap" of Everest. It is a crucial point that has got to be got over. The effort used up here takes away the strength necessary for the final assault, which, although no slouch, is not a terrific problem for trained Alpinists.

Luck, sir

THE South Col is like going into the front line during the war. You know you are going in but never know whether you will get out.

It is not the mountain that beats you, it is the altitude and the constant need of oxygen.

Every step forward is an agony and with every step it is necessary to breathe in and out four times.

Human effort alone can beat Everest, but for this human effort to be sufficient at the moment when the final assault is made depends on Colonel Hunt's decision. I wish him all the luck in the world.

She Intrigues All France

From SYDNEY SMITH

Paris. A YOUNG woman of 30 with a massive golden crown on her head, lying on the painted frame of an Etruscan warrior's chariot, is intriguing every savant in France—even though she died 2,500 years ago.

She was buried, surrounded by bronze jars, magnificently wrought and red and black Etruscan vases telling the story of some forgotten battle. She was buried in the style and with all the tributes due to a hero.

The story of this mystery woman and her heroic tomb has just been told in the dry academic report of one of France's leading geologists, M. Joffroy, curator of a government museum near Dijon.

Now France, a country which pays high homage to woman-kind, is asking: "Was this some early Joan of Arc who died before history?"

M. Joffroy came upon her after two years of digging in

the mountains of Central France near the tiny town of Vix.

He was seeking in an area containing ancient Greek or Etruscan burial places. But no one knew exactly where they were or exactly what they held.

Then, one day, M. Joffroy and his team, turning up a mass of mud in a flooded field, struck their first clue.

Says M. Joffroy: "We came across an enormous bronze vase with great curved handles which represented Gorgons entwined with snakes. The top of the vase was crowned by the statue of a woman of rare beauty."

The architectural team went on digging. A little further down they found the gold-crowned skeleton of the warrior's chariot, with its four wheels dismantled and placed reverently beside it. Around the chariot and the heavy, gold-crowned woman were other vases.

Says M. Joffroy: "Together they make one of the richest antique treasures ever discovered in Gaul."

The skeleton in the chariot has been examined by French doctors, who say that the magnificent teeth and jaw, wonderfully preserved, and splendidly formed, belonged to a woman who died around 500 B.C. when she was thirty.

But at the time of burial only the great heroes who died valiantly in battle were buried with their chariots. The four dismantled wheels, each covered with beaten bronze plaques, the smaller vases and the great vase weighing 300 pounds, far too big and heavy to be a household utensil, are believed by France's archaeologists to be the burial equipment of an unknown fighting Etruscan queen. Only one such perfectly-preserved hero warrior's tomb has ever been found before. This was in the Danube Valley.

M. Joffroy's discovery is the first of a woman warrior. During the summer the gold-crowned skeleton on the bronze chariot will go on view in the Paris Louvre for anyone's guess—for a two-shilling ticket—the story of this unknown queen who died in battle for some forgotten cause.



He COULD be King in name...

by JAMES BARTLETT

UNLESS the Queen herself dislikes the change, the Duke of Edinburgh could receive the titular dignity of King. It is a point which he would become King Philip II, says an unsigned article in the 100th edition of Burke's Peerage due to be published six days before the Coronation.

The article goes on to discuss, academically, the arguments that would influence such a change. As King, Philip II would have no right of sovereignty. He would still take second place to Queen Elizabeth, and the Windsor dynasty would stay unchanged.

UNFETTERED

Burke explains: "The Queen, as the fountain of honour, is not fettered in her right to bestow whatever titular dignity she pleases. There is no settled course of precedent. There is nothing in British history that keeps the Duke of Edinburgh in his present uncertain position, the most junior of 27 other Dukes. He was a prince until six years ago, with a right of succession to the thrones of Greece and Denmark. But when he became a naturalised British citizen in 1947, eight months before his marriage, he renounced his royal titles and rights of succession."

FROM SPAIN

The first King Philip, who came over from Spain to marry Queen Mary I in 1554, did not renounce his own title. Although he was to be King Consort, Parliament laid down that the whole government of the kingdom should be in the joint names of Philip and Mary. Today, the Coronation ceremony will show to all the world that Queen Elizabeth holds undisputed right as sovereign. It is that sovereignty which would give her sole right to decide whether the Duke of Edinburgh shall be dignified by a higher title—a King Consort. But although present-day tendencies all favour equality of the sexes, there are still many people who would prefer such a title to be held back. They think that if any dignity is to be bestowed, the title Prince Consort is the best. A good enough for Queen Victoria's husband, should be good enough for Philip.

*Edited by L. G. Pine; 2s. 6s.

NAT GUBBINS IS ILL

Regular followers of Nathaniel Gubbins, whose column appears in the China Mail every Wednesday, will be sorry to hear that he is on the sick list, and will not be writing for a few weeks. As soon as he is sufficiently recovered, the column will be resumed.

CHERRY BLOSSOM NAVY sails with a waltz

Tokyo, Tuesday. I SET sail today with the Japanese Navy. Half of it. Fifteen motor launches and trawlers—and an unarmed harbour vessel. That was the flagship.

Ordinarily it spends the time lifting and laying buoys around Yokohama harbour. Today, it carried an assortment of gold-braided foreign observers, a few reporters and photographers, and a quavering 20-piece band.

Every effort was made to make this an occasion. After all, it is five years that the Japanese Imperial Fleet was reborn.

The band struck up as we slid away from the quay. No martial music—a Strauss waltz slightly off-key led the jostling line of tiny warships out to sea.

The bandmen, sweating in the morning sun, played "The Skaters' Waltz" as we passed the old Japanese canal anchorage.

Gold stripes

GREAT battleships, squadrons of cruisers, flotillas of destroyers and submarines had swung at anchor here before the world's third largest navy leaped off to destruction in the South Pacific.

"This navy is still not a navy," a gold-braided officer explained. "Japan is allowed no armed forces. We are officially the Maritime Safety Agency—a civilian organisation."

He indicated the four gold stripes on his sleeve.

"Not a naval captain," he said. "My title is, first-class safety official. We call our admiral the director."

On his cap was a complicated gold badge.

"The decoration is, mildly, 'cherry blossom,'" he explained, "surmounted by the dove of peace."

The harbour boat was rolling in the slight swell. Most of the bandmen looked pale. They relapsed into miserable silence.

Brightly coloured hunting flatters from the yardarms. The warships turned back and ahead to line up and back again. The manoeuvres were over.

Too costly

THE first-class safety official I was almost apologetic. "We have better ships than this. Ten freighters presented by the United States, 23 Japanese craft, and some minesweepers. What you are seeing now is more of a coastguard organisation. Or, of course, we should like something better, but Japan cannot afford it." Premier Yoshida, himself, has sold the cost of one battleship would wreck our economy. Even our modest building programme has not yet been approved by Parliament.

The Japanese naval force turned back towards Yokohama. Back through the great empty anchorage.

The Japanese officer glanced towards it. "he said, 'I have commanded a cruiser.'"

FLASHBACK: At the time of the attack on Pearl Harbour Japan was estimated to have 10 battleships, three major aircraft carriers, 35 cruisers, 108 destroyers, 70 submarines.

At the end of the war the U.S. said Japan had fewer than 50 fighting ships—and a blow-up.

RUSSELL SPURR

POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



JACOBY ON BRIDGE

No-Trump Bidding Deserves Study

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN you make an opening bid in no-trump your strength is so sharply outlined that you have no need to add a great deal to your story. This fact is clearly illustrated in today's hand, taken from the recent World Championship Match played in New York. When George Hupke held the North hand for America, he opened the bidding with two no-trump. Such a bid usually shows a count of 22 to 24 points, with balanced distribution and stoppers in all suits. Hupke actually had only 21 points in top cards, and the diamond stopper was a bit tenuous. However, North had a strong five-card suit as compensation for the slightly deficient count, and his opening bid cannot be criticised.

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K53	
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Q1087	
EAST	
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Q72	
J6	
AJ92	
SOUTH	
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Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass
Opening lead—A	

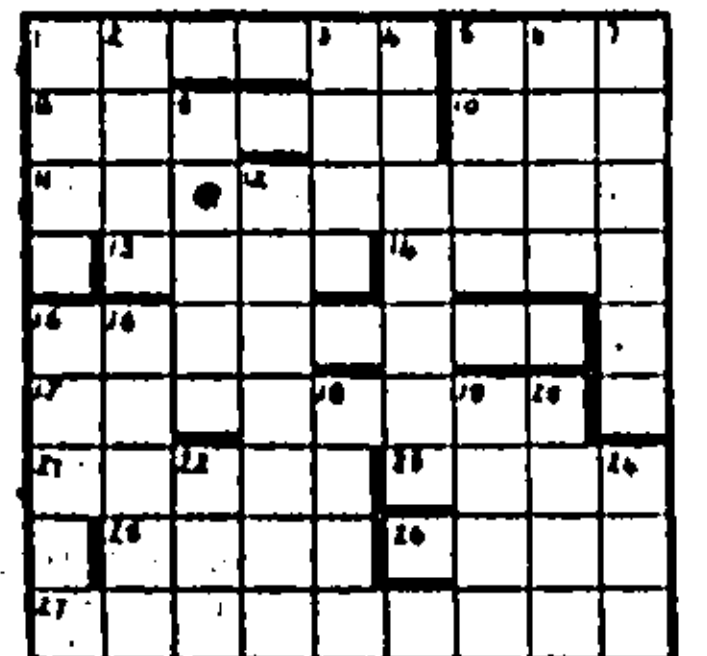
a full 24 points with a good fit for hearts and the strength made up largely of aces and kings. Since he did not have that type of hand, he could safely pass without fearing the loss of a slam.

Four hearts was a very comfortable contract. The defenders began by taking two club tricks and the ace of diamonds. Declarer could then claim the rest of the tricks. In the other room the Swedish pair got themselves into trouble. North did not tell his whole story with his opening bid, and had to carry the bidding to the level of five before he felt that it was proper to drop. North opened with one spade, and South responded with two hearts. Not knowing what to do about this, North made the mistake of bidding a third of clubs. South rebid his seven-card heart suit. At the proceedings North felt that he had not shown his full strength and had no way of knowing how good or bad the South hand happened to be. North therefore jumped to four no-trump, the Blackwood Convention, asking South to show his aces. South showed no aces by bidding five clubs, and North returned to five hearts. Five hearts was not a safe contract. The American defence, with two clubs and a diamond, and the Swedish declarer was defeated.

CARD SERVICE

Q—The bidding has been:
North—East—South—West
Pass—Pass—1 Heart—Pass
1 Spade—Pass—1 Heart—Pass
You, South, hold: Spades Q-6-2, Hearts A-K-Q-J-7-5, Diamonds A-J-2, Clubs 6. What do you do?
A—Bid four hearts. You will probably have a play for game with almost any hand that North can hold for his one spade response. It would be foolish to invite a game by bidding only three hearts when you have enough strength to bid all the way to game by yourself.
TODAY'S QUESTION
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades Q-6-2, Hearts A-K-Q-J-7-5, Diamonds A-K-8, Clubs K-Q-9. What do you do?
Answer Tomorrow

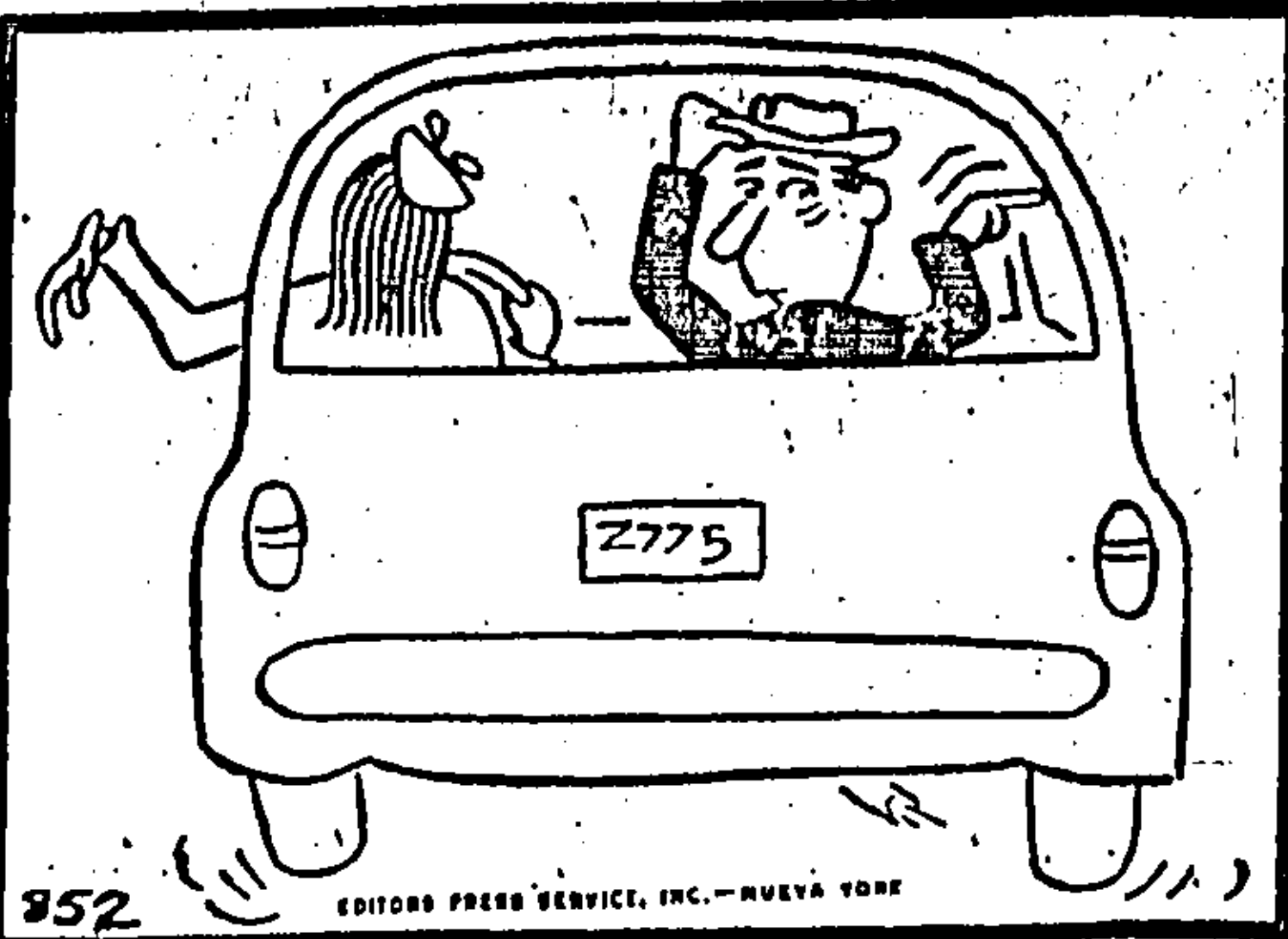
CROSSWORD



- Across
1. Would a seaman scar AI? (6)
 2. Precious to frame (4)
 3. Capital for the Turks (6)
 4. Roman ball back for a girl (3)
 5. A tin stone, maybe not tin (9)
 6. Name in lights (4)
 7. Bonified (4)
 8. This character is well rated (8)
 9. Young twist wanted two (8)
 10. One who comes (3)
 11. Radio mastic (4)
 12. Whisky partner (4)
 13. Round moon may mean rain (4)
 14. Fear load is explosive (9)
- Down
1. One in your shoe (4)
 2. Unknown this island was in a film (4)
 3. Man of this island was in a film (4)
 4. Peace unwell in the ring (7)
 5. Napoleonic victory (4)
 6. Adam (4)
 7. First little page destination (6)
 8. Pound on a knee (6)
 9. Do not (4)
 10. Fragment (6)
 11. A meal taken to the south-east will tantalise (6)
 12. A country for rain? Hardly (4)
 13. Napoleonic victory (4)
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WHAT'S HIS LINE?

REX BOOTH-PAIN
Re-arrange the letters to spell a occupation.
(Solution on Page 10)



BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THE recent foolery with an opera hat in the House of Commons should have sent a chill of admiration through the country.

The Socialist got hold of the only hat available for distribution by the Government at a price of £1.00. There was evidence of rigid economy, and of a serious attempt by the Government to set an example of austerity. Yet certain politicians, with a cynical determination to throw away money, are demanding that second hats should be kept for such occasions—one (a top hat) for Tories, and another (a grey old cap) for Socialists.

But what about the Liberals? Are they to have no communal hat? Surely the provision of even half a dozen hats would not entail the cancellation of the new £2,000,000 annexe to the Ministry of Bubble-blowing.

The poisoned hat (v)

So subtle, so skillful were the moves of the various spies, agents, and corrupt officials that not even Banko, chief of the dreaded Bobba oil secret police, suspected that Wensleydale had received the submarine plans from Egham. There were as many false clues going to Egham as there were to Wensleydale. Egham had been tricked, and so had given away his priceless document to an Arab horse dealer. This horse

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

BORN today, you have a highly sensitive nature—on bordering on genius. The stars have given you exceptional talents. You are especially prone and poetic. You must see to it that they are not wasted. Parents should be happy that on this day should discover their progenies' interests at an early age and provide the proper training as soon as possible.

Those of you who enter the arts and professions will be happiest, although the stars have given you capabilities in business. If forced into this, as a livelihood, you probably will devote your leisure to cultural and intellectual things.

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WOMANSENSE

IT'S MAY WEEK—AND HERE IS HOW TO GREET IT IN THE KEEP-FIT WAY

This is not the time for drooping

by Joseph Edmundson

Physical Education Organiser at the London Polytechnic.

ARE you feeling fed-up and washed-out? Does housework tire you and shopping bore you? Then now is the time to do something about it.

May is the best month of the year to start a new get-fit campaign. It is the time when, with winter over and summer coming, you most want to feel at your best. All the incentive is there.

But exercises? I can imagine your raised eyebrows. That is because you probably still have the old-fashioned view about exercising.

There is no need nowadays to think you must leap out of bed at dawn and do violent physical jerks before breakfast.

Doctors now advise against that in any case. They believe in starting the day gently, because your just-out-of-bed body is not yet tuned to violent exercise. The modern view stresses more the aesthetic and psychological value of exercising.

That is why it is so important to women, to YOU. The exercises in these articles will chiefly stress good posture, vital for the radiance and well-being which is every woman's right.

There is no need to do the exercises at any set time. Do them as you go about your daily work.

Every one of today's exercises can be done in the odd moments when you are sitting down—either at home or in the office.

Let us start off then with our first ten-minute special for getting rid of DROOP.

Look at the girl in our first sketch. She represents a typical case of droop.

Because she sits habitually in a slumped position her head pokes forward, her shoulders have become round, and there is more than a suspicion of "tyre" round the middle.

The muscles of the neck, shoulders, and back have lengthened and weakened, while the opposite ones at the front of the body have become shorter and stronger.

Stop that slump
If you droop try to cure your position.

Sit well back in your seat. There is no need to be stiff and rigid. Just sit comfortably upright.

Now two exercises to straighten up the head. Roll your head round, first to the left and then to the right (fig. 2).

As you roll press as far sideways and backwards as possible. Do this several times a day.

Now press it backwards as far as you can but keep the chin well tucked in. Stretch slowly upwards and repeat the exercise again.

To help to straighten out the shoulders sit well back in your chair, slowly stretch the arms midway and lean back over the chair (fig. 3). Lift your chest and pull in the tummy.

Now clasp your hands behind your back (fig. 4). Keep them clasped, stretch them backwards and downwards as far as you can and at the same time pull your shoulders well back.

These six sketches show you how

1. A typical case.

2. First left, then right.

3. Lift, then lower.

4. Stretch and pull.

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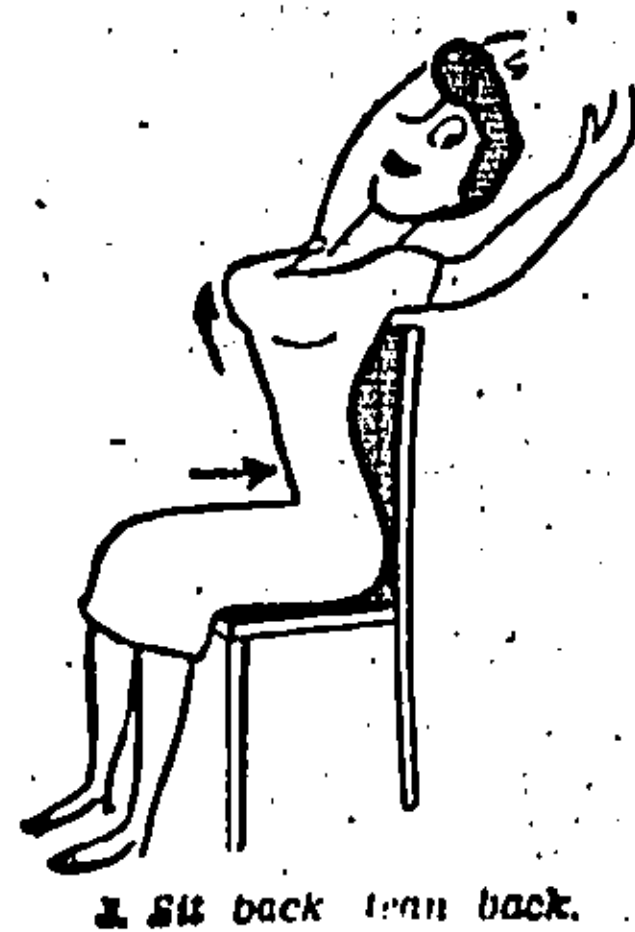
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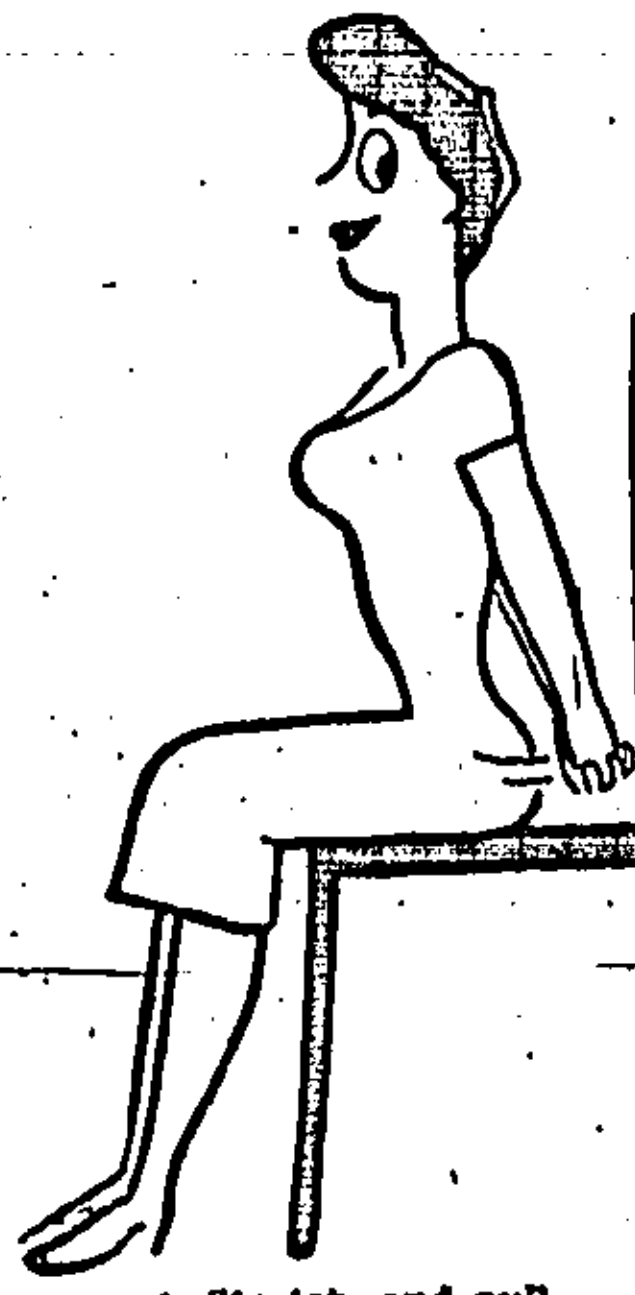
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HAMPSHIRE TAKE A CLEAR LEAD IN THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

London, May 26.

Hampshire took a clear lead in the English County Cricket Championship table when they narrowly defeated Kent by 47 runs at Southampton today.

Kent had been set to score 304 at a run a minute for victory. Godfrey Evans, the England Test wicket-keeper batsman, raised the Kent bid to get the runs after three wickets had tumbled for only 18 runs.

Cuts, drives and hooks flowed from his bat. When he eventually fell to a catch on the boundary, Evans had scored 93 out of 110 runs in 83 minutes. He hit 14 boundaries and in one over from Gray he took 15 runs. The batsmen hit out bravely but could not overcome the early setbacks.

Glamorgan, who were joint leaders, had no county game but drew an exciting low-scoring game at Port Talbot with the Gentlemen of Ireland. With Wooler, the Glamorgan captain, took eight Irish wickets in the match for 33.

Hampshire now have 40 points from six games. Middlesex moved into second place with 30 points from five matches as a result of their win by 101 runs over Sussex, at Lord's, after being behind on first innings.

Middlesex declared, leaving Sussex to get 202 in just under two and a half hours to win. England batsman Denis Compton excelled with the ball, taking four Sussex wickets with his left-arm slow deliveries for 37 runs. Middlesex won with 15 minutes to spare.

BATTLE OF THE ROSES

In the "Roses" match at Manchester, Cyril Washbrook, the Lancashire opening batsman, defied the Yorkshire attack to enable his side to draw.

Early in his innings he was struck on the jaw by a "bouncer" from England fast bowler Fred Trueman. He retired to have two stitches inserted in the wound, and then returned to carry his score to 65 not out. Throughout he "taunted" the bowling while gathering sufficient runs to make Yorkshire's task impossible.

Gloucestershire's 22-year-old off-spinner, Brian Wells, looked like becoming one of the colourful personalities in county cricket. On leave from national service in the Army, Wells today took eight Somerset second innings wickets for 31 in his side's comfortable victory by 191 runs at Taunton.

Luckless Somerset are now the only county in the table without a point. Nottinghamshire gained their first points of the season when leading Surrey a rain-damaged Trent Bridge on first innings.

The reigning Champions lost their five remaining wickets on pitch.

Hongkong's Table Tennis Stars In Manila

Manila, May 27. Hongkong's table tennis stars, Sih Su-chu and Cheng Kwok-wing, will see action tonight in their first appearance here.

The visitors will meet either Tan Ta Taun, Deogracias Aguas, Teofilo Ibanes or Delia Calinga, all semi-finalists in the Metropolitan Tournament.

The Hongkong players, here on the invitation of the Table Tennis Association of the Philippines, arrived on Sunday for a four-night exhibition series.

On Friday they will face the Metropolitan Champion and runner-up. On the following day (Saturday) they will play in invitational games against the top Filipino and Chinese players.

They will wind up their tour on June 1 by playing against an all-Chinese selection.—France-Press.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

On Tuesday, 2nd June, the Club's property at Happy Valley will be open and reserved for the use of Members of the Hong Kong Jockey Club and their Ladies who must wear their Members Badges and Lady's Brooches, otherwise they will not be admitted thereto.

By Order of the Stewards, H. MISA, Secretary.

LEAGUE TENNIS

In the only Mixed Doubles "B" Division Tennis League match played yesterday, Chinese Recreation Club were held to an exciting finish by Ladies' Recreation Club before emerging victors by five sets to four.

Although the Chinese Club led by 2-1 in the first round of games and lengthened their lead to 4-2 by the end of the second round, the LRC players made a spirited recovery in the third round to draw level at 4-4.

In the deciding fifth set, S. Saul and Miss Rogers battled to a 5-5 score with Choy Tin-kin and Mrs G. Lo, when the issue appeared practically over as Choy stepped and began to lose. The Chinese player, however, gamely struggled on not only to complete the game but also take the next two games for set and match.

In the Men's "D" Division four matches were played off, with South China following up their win over CRC last week with another good victory over Kowloon Tong Club by 7½ sets to 1½.

THE SCORES

Mixed "B" Division
CRC 3, LRC 4
Mrs E. Tsang and Cheung Chow (CRC) lost to Mrs Getz and E. Saubolle 5-7; beat Miss Rogers and S. Saul 6-4; lost to Mrs Ayres and F. C. Stuckey 2-0.

Mrs. A. Choy and Chung Yui-lo (CRC) lost to Mrs Getz and Saubolle 2-6; beat Miss Rogers and Saul 6-4; beat Mrs Ayres and Stuckey 6-1.
Mrs G. Lo and Choy Tin-kin (CRC) lost to Mrs Getz and Saubolle 4-6; beat Miss Rogers and Saul 7-5; beat Mrs Ayres and Stuckey 6-4.

Men's "D" Division
CRC 3, LRC 4
M. H. Wong and F. Pinto (HCR) lost to P. I. Lu and W. Lam 2-6; lost to G. F. Wong and Y. H. Leung 1-6; lost to H. Chiu and C. M. Chau 1-6.

J. Figueiredo and Cho Kaiman (HCR) beat P. F. Wong and Y. H. Leung 6-4; lost to P. H. Chiu and C. M. Chau 6-2; beat P. I. Lu and W. Lam 6-2.
A. Luk and R. Mao (HCR) lost to P. F. Wong and Y. H. Leung 4-6; lost to P. H. Chiu and C. M. Chau 6-2; beat P. I. Lu and W. Lam 7-5.

KCC 3, HRC 1
E. K. Abbas and C. Chum (KCC) beat R. Omar and Al Casumbhey 6-3; beat O. Adem and S. Rumjahn Jr. 6-4; beat A. S. Rumjahn and Ali Khan 7-5.

W. Pepperell and A. Paul (KCC) beat R. Omar and Al Casumbhey 6-3; beat O. Adem and S. Rumjahn Jr. 6-4; beat A. S. Rumjahn and Ali Khan 7-5.

Postuma and de Jong (KCC) beat R. Omar and Al Casumbhey 6-2; beat O. Adem and S. Rumjahn Jr. 6-3; lost to A. S. Rumjahn and Ali Khan 2-0.

SCAA 7½, KTCOA 1½
Guy Lum and T. T. Yui (SCAA) beat T. W. Yau and J. Chen 6-0; beat C. P. Wan and J. Poon 6-3; lost to P. H. Wu and A. Wong 2-6.

C. T. Koo and M. K. Fong (SCAA) drew with T. W. Yau and J. Chen 6-6; beat C. P. Wan and J. Poon 7-5; beat P. H. Wu and A. Wong 6-4.

Y. P. Shum and D. D. Yub (SCAA) beat T. W. Yau and J. Chen 6-3; beat C. P. Wan and J. Poon 6-4; beat P. H. Wu and A. Wong 6-2.

LRC 4, RECREIO 3
Williams and Martin (LRC) lost to M. Souza and Figueiredo 4-6; beat Azevedo and L. Souza 6-4; beat Xavier and Guterres 6-2.

Beckmeyer and Hanebois (LRC) beat M. Souza and Figueiredo 6-4; beat Azevedo and L. Souza 6-3; lost to Xavier and Guterres 2-6.

Rawling and Ayres lost to Souza and Figueiredo 1-6; beat Azevedo and L. Souza 6-1; beat Xavier and Guterres 1-6.



Denis Compton Is Emerging From The Shadows Says PETER DITTON

At Lord's I watched for four hours while a man struggled to re-establish himself in the profession he once dominated. The man was Denis Compton and the profession, cricket.

Two points now appear worth making. One is that physically Denis Compton is fit again. No traces of the leg injury, which laid him low, are visible. The second is that mentally his approach to the game is much sounder than at any time in the past three or four seasons.

Already this season he has recorded one century, and the 60 that I saw him make against Derbyshire was the innings of a man rapidly coming back to form.

The famous Compton sweep which he uses with devastating effect against off-spinners was very much in evidence. Four times in the space of three overs he swept the young Derbyshire slow bowler, Smith, to the rails, each shot played with the sureness of old.

OVER-EAGER

His running between the wickets was also very good although in his eagerness to keep the fielders on their toes he had occasionally to be given a firm "No" by his partner.

Just once Compton showed that he dilated being pegged down in his scoring race. It occurred in the over before

and Dawkes, standing well back, held a good catch at head height.

In length of time it was not a typical Comptonian innings. He had been batting for just short of three hours when he was finally out. But this I think was evidence of the new Compton and it must have been reassuring to the MCC members sitting in the pavilion.

—London Express Service.

Rocky Marciano To Visit H.K.

Manila, May 26. The World Heavyweight Boxing Champion, Rocky Marciano, will visit Hongkong.

This was revealed today by sports promoter Jess Corica who said that Marciano "definitely" would come to the Philippines in the middle of July on an Oriental tour that would include Hongkong, Japan, Singapore and Guam. He added that he planned to make arrangements for Marciano to defend his title here in December.—United Press.

Feminine Professionals Are Playing Better Golf Today Than Ever Before

Bakersfield, California, May 26. Golf's feminine professionals are playing better golf today than ever before — in spite of the absence of Babe Didrikson Zaharias from their ranks — the new Queen of the Fairways said.

Louise Suggs, leading lady money-winner this year, explained that competition is continuing to force a better calibre of play from the powder-puff professionals.

"The Babe is a great personality, a great competitor and a great golfer," Miss Suggs said. "For many years it was necessary to beat her to win a tournament, but I don't believe that this has been true in the past two or three years."

Miss Suggs added, "She was a real challenge to us, but I believe we've gradually reached the standard she set and are now surpassing it. We've got to it we want to stay in the money."

As an example of what competition does, Miss Suggs pointed to her narrow victory recently in the \$3,000 Bakersfield Invitational Tournament. She pocketed \$775 to boost her seasonal earnings to \$3,312 after beating smiling Patty Berg of St. Andrews, Ill., on the first hole of a sudden death play-off.

Both Miss Suggs and Miss Berg fired identical 76s in the first round of play. They bettered that by three strokes in a duel for top money. The following day, however, to finish the 36-hole event, with 140.

Drobny Every Inch A Champion As He Beats Gardini

Paris, May 26. Jaroslav Drobny, of Egypt, the holder, entered the semi-final of the Men's Slights when the French Lawn Tennis Championships were continued at Stade Roland Garros here today.

He had a smooth win over Fausto Gardini, of Italy, one of Europe's best players, by 6-3, 6-1, 1-6, 6-4, and will meet Vic Seixas, of USA, who beat Australia's Lewis Hoad 6-3, 6-3, 6-4.

Drobny completely swamped the Italian Number One in the first two sets. The former Czech was every inch a champion as he battered through Gardini's defences, to win point after point.

When trailing 1-4 in the second set, the Italian called for a bucket of water and ducked his head into it at each changeover. He certainly needed "cooling" because he persisted in chasing Drobny's shots long after they had passed him for winners.

Drobny dropped the third set, but in this he seemed to be practising rather than playing tournament tennis, and several of his attempted cuts and drop shots found the bottom of the net.

In the fourth set Drobny dropped his service, and Gardini took a 3-1 lead.

The Champion then tightened his game. Serving viciously, and volleying and smashing with precision, he levelled at three-all. At 5-3 to Drobny, the Italian took the Champion's service to love and advanced to forty-love on his own delivery, but Drobny came back to win the match after missing one match point.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

The semi-finals in the Women's Singles event will be all-American. Top seeded Maureen Connolly, the Wimbledon Champion, won her quarter-final against Susan Partridge, the former British Wightman Cup player, 6-0, 6-2.

She will now play Mrs Dorothy Knodel-Head, an American resident in Turkey, for a place in the final. Mrs Knodel-Head defeated Mme. Huguette Buechle (France) 6-3, 6-0.

The other semi-final will be between those great friends and rivals, Miss Doris Hart and Miss Shirley Fry. Miss Hart today beat Mrs Jean Rinkel-Querier, British wife of a Netherlands international, 6-3, 6-3; and Miss Fry eliminated the French Number One, Mme. Nelly Adamson 6-1, 4-6, 6-0.

Seixas, in his match against Hoad, kept the Australian youngster continually on the run and gave him no let-up.—Reuter.

DROBNY PROTESTS

Paris, May 26. Top-seeded Jaroslav Drobny of Egypt today threw the attention of the Tournament Committee of the French International Lawn Tennis Championships here to the alleged racial prejudice of the American, Vic Seixas, in the quarter-finals today.

Seixas beat Lewis Hoad of Australia in straight sets and will meet Drobny, the holder, in the semi-final, probably on Thursday.

Drobny told the Committee that unless a competent foot judge was appointed for his match with Seixas, he would refuse to go on the centre court.

League Bowls

In a Third Division League Bowls match played at the C.C.C. yesterday evening, the I.R.C. beat the C.C.C. 4-1.

The following are the scores:

CCC (1)		IRC (4)	
L. J. Wade	5	S. Abbot	1
A. E. Castro	4	E. H. Barker	2
J. H. Carter	3	O. H. Sedick	28
D. A. Rossario	12	A. S. Huxford	1
D. C. C. Ma	5	S. Dwyer	3
R. K. Ford	1	A. M. Walsh	12
Y. A. Rastick	3	A. H. Rastick	12
P. Leonard	22	F. M. el Arculi	1
P. Nanson	1	A. H. Barker	1
A. M. Soares	1	A. S. Huxford	19
P. K. Lau	14	A. S. Huxford	19
R. Tay	5	Total	55
Total	55	Total	55

EUROPEAN BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Moscow, May 27. Yugoslavia beat Israel 67-55 in the most exciting match of the European basketball tournament today. Yugoslavia won the game literally in the last second of the 20 minutes' extra play.

Israel were leading throughout the game and ended the first half with a score of 32-23 in their favour. They continued leading in the second half, but the Yugoslavs caught up to level the score at 55-55.

After this they played four extra periods of five minutes each, without scoring in the first three periods.

The Yugoslav tactics, which finally won them the match, were to give up free throws and hold the ball the last 10 seconds, then try a long shot.

Finally they landed in the basket exactly as the whistle and gong sounded the end.

In this closely fought match both sides displayed exceedingly skilful and accurate play.—United Press.

OTHER RESULTS

Moscow, May 27. Rumania defeated Switzerland by 74 to 36 in the European Basketball Championships here today.

Czechoslovakia defeated Italy 59 to 43.

The title holders, the USSR, beat Hungary 64 to 54.

The half time score was 32 to 16.—France-Press.

Shirai Not Going To Manila

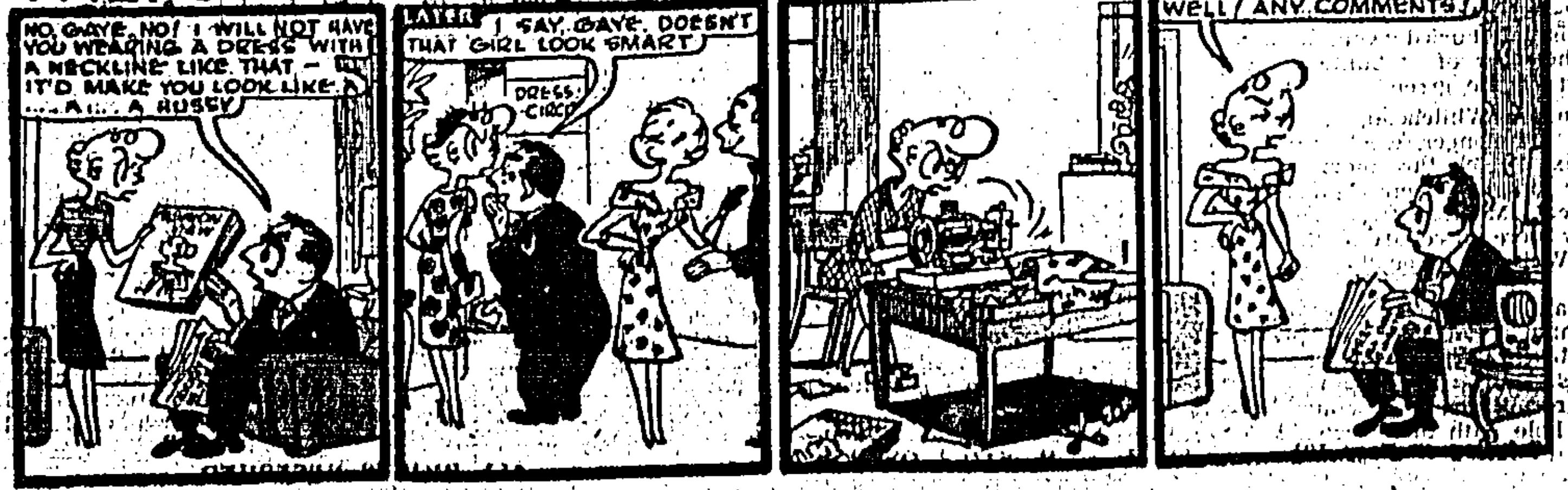
Tokyo, May 26. Dr. Alvin Shirai, manager of the world lightweight champion, Yoshio Shirai, said today "there is not one word of truth" in reports that Shirai would go to Manila in the near future for a non-title fight with the Filipino, Tanny Campo.

He was commenting on Press reports from Manila which said the fight had been arranged by Campo's manager, Ramon.

Shirai recently won the decision over Campo in their title fight in Tokyo.

Dr. Campo said, no one made any offers in Manila for a fight between the two fighters, and "Shirai's plans for the year are settled anyway."—Reuter.

THE GAMBOLE



THE SPORTS ROUNDABOUT

BE PREPARED FOR A SHOCK
—FREDDIE BROWN MAY BE
BACK TO LEAD ENGLAND!

Says DAVID JACK

Be prepared for a shock when the Test selectors announce the name of England's skipper to face the Australians. Yorkshire's Len Hutton, who did such a great job of work against India, is, of course, on the short list—but Len is no automatic selection.

I happen to know that more than one selector would like Freddy Brown to change his mind about retiring from Test cricket. And I don't think Brown would take a lot of persuading.

The man who led the MCC on their last tour of Australia has proved that he has the right approach to the Australian menace. He is also in form with bat and ball—and Brown could have no

inner send-off in his last season in top class cricket.

Good news for Kent county cricket. Bateman Colin Cowdrey, star of the Oxford University XI, will be available for regular county cricket as soon as he comes down from university.

Cowdrey, youngest cricketer ever to gain a Blue, hopes to make a career out of writing, fancies journalism. It should make a nice change for a journalist to play cricket—instead of vice versa.

THREE CLUBS WANT HIM

Bolton Wanderers, Stock City and Leeds United were all impressed after watching John Donnelly, inside right of Broxburn Celtic (East of Scotland). John's father used to play for Albion Rovers and Charlton Athletic, but he was better known as J. J. O'Donnell, finalist in the Powerball sprint three times.

Despite the loss of an arm, Fulham referee Alf Bond still manages to be something of an all-round sportsman. Part of the Bond help-it treatment is a two-night-a-week session of badminton.

Cardiff City's left back, Jack Mansell, who played cricket for Sussex Second XI in his Brighton

and Hove Albion days, is not interested in qualifying for the Glamorgan County side. Says Jack: "It's hardly fair to the wife to be on the move all summer as well as winter."

In any case, I shall be surprised if this Salford lad stays in South Wales long enough to qualify for Glamorgan.

Grimsby Town, searching for a successor to veteran goalkeeper George Tweedy, would like to sign Jimmy Brown—surprisingly given a free transfer by Hearts. Bristol Rovers are also interested in the Edinburgh goalkeeper.

My information, however, is that Brown will join a top-class Scottish club.

Southend United would like to keep Scottish inside right Jimmy O'Neill on their books for good, but I can't see Aberdeen allowing this National Serviceman to stay South after he completes his two years' service at Shoeburyness.

Looks as if Southend will have to be content with the loan agreement, but they still hope to have O'Neill for another 12 months.

Still on the look-out for a full-back, United manager Harry Warren is interested in Sheffield Wednesday's Keith Bannister.

Shall We Dope Athletes?
—The Answer Is "No!"

Says E. McDONALD BAILEY

Shall we dope athletes? This was the question recently posed in a national paper by a science reporter and 100 doctors. And I dare to reply No! No! No!

I am all in favour of the help of the medicine men in sport. More assistance from them could really help British runners to burn up the cinder tracks. But not by way of a shot from a dope-loaded syringe.

Maybe doping could give a young runner that extra spurt, that sudden confidence, to take him past the tapes with terrific speed. But what would happen when his system got too used to that extra flip. He would just crack up.

SOUNDER WAYS

If it's speed we are after, there are sounder ways of achieving it. These days, sport is scientific—good training and good eating are needed. That is where the Americans beat us. They spot their

youngsters for athletic training in the same way as young Margot Fonteyn become ballerinas.

He or she is sent to college with an athletic scholarship; they are expertly coached.

Take the case of my fellow countryman Michael Agostini. He is only 17, but on tracks in Jamaica he has beaten Americans such as Andy Stanfield, Olympic 200 Metres Champion. Mike has been approached by many American universities, with offers of scholarships, and he will be taking advantage of one of them.

MAY HAPPEN YET

Wouldn't it be better for Mike, as a British citizen, to win his track stardom by a comparable effort from a British university? Maybe these

things will happen some day. But, I doubt it. No. No. No. While athlete would allow himself to be injected to step up a 100 yards performance from, say, a comparatively slow ten seconds to a flabbergasting nine seconds flat.

What counts for any true athlete is his own hard-won achievement.

Dope could only lead to phony champions, not true ones.

(London Express Service)

H.K. ARCHER'S
POSTAL
SHOOT

In the second postal shoot between the Admiralty Compress Club, England and the Hongkong Archery Club, the following six men and four women were selected to represent the Hongkong team.

American Round for Men: Ken Vivian 582, W. Whiteman 444, John Martin 361, G.Y. Mao 326, Joseph Wei 252 and R. Bapista 240.

Columbia Round for Women: Bea Stanton 346, Marsha Field 316, Jean Vivian 297 and Rita Martin 203.

Both Men and Women shot the American Round on Monday in the postal contest against the Holyoak Archery Club, Mass.

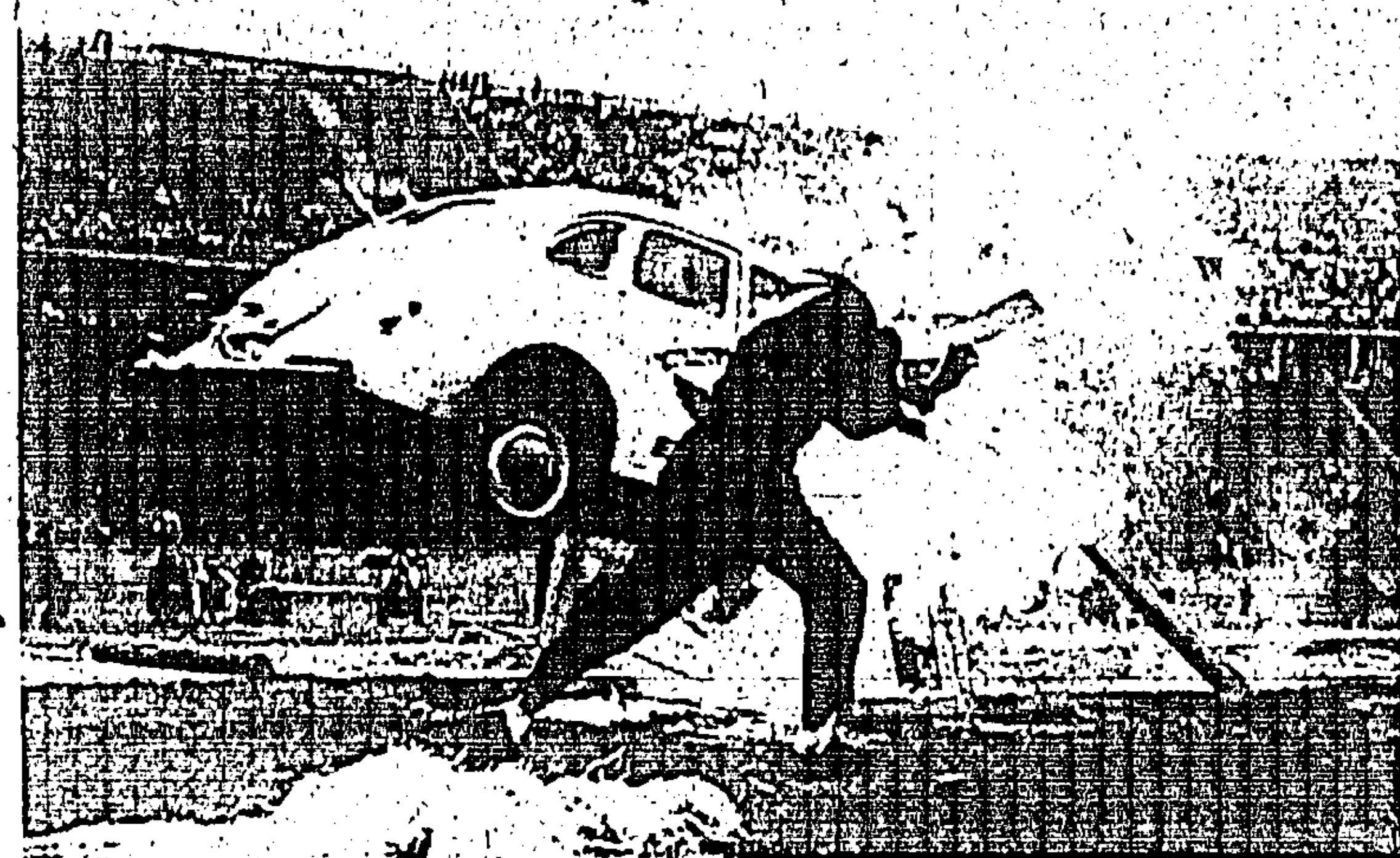
Bea Stanton turned in an excellent score of 353. This is the first attempt by ladies to shoot at 60 yds range in competition and the result is most creditable.

Following are the four men and two women who were chosen to represent the Hongkong Archery Club.

Men's Section: Ken Vivian 588, John Martin 403, Denis Field 384, E.Y. Mao 337.

Women's Section: Bea Stanton 353, Marsha Field 223.

THE "HELL DRIVERS" IN BERLIN



For the first time in Europe—the famous American team of the "Hell Drivers" are giving their sensational display at the Berlin Olympic Stadium. Here they go through one of their acts—the drive through the Burning Wall.—Express Photo.

WHY DO THEY CALL ME THE
WORST HEAVYWEIGHT EVER?

Asks DON COCKELL

Boxers always seem to emerge from a Championship fight with some sort of distinction. They are brilliant or lucky; courageous or clever.

But I emerged from my fight with Johnny Williams with a distinction unique in the annals of British boxing—as "the worst British heavyweight ever."

Not satisfied with this label, other "experts" added that my winning the British and Empire title was a sad blow to British boxing.

Others were concerned about my health, and had the audacity to suggest that I should not, for my own sake, be allowed to fight again.

Being a tolerant sort of fellow, I think everybody is entitled to an opinion, but surely it's time a few facts were emphasised. For instance, before the fight, everyone predicted an easy win for Williams.

He was publicised as one of the fastest heavyweights in the world and a boxer of great skill. He was "in the pink of condition" and the top of his form.

LEARNED A LESSON Poor old Cockell (said the critics). He has a pot-belly and enormous thighs, and as much chance of beating Williams as a bulldog has of beating a greyhound.

They said the same things, of course, when I met Tommy Farr and others. In fact, if I had been the susceptible type I should have wavered far from boxing and concentrated on the pigs and chickens on my Sussex farm.

Having come up the hard way, however, I have learned to be philosophical as well as tolerant, so in spite of all the gloomy predictions about Poor Old Cockell I trained for the fight with only one object in mind—to beat Williams.

ANXIOUS HOURS Don't get the idea that I'm smug. Far from it. When I realised that I could no longer fight at my best weight—12st. 7lb. —I spent many anxious hours of doubt.

What I didn't realise was that my natural weight was not 12st. 7lb. Making this weight I weakened myself. This was apparent to anybody who saw my fight with Randolph Turpin. Now my doctors have told me that my natural weight is over 14st.

Much has been made of what my critics call "glottal disturbance" and "metabolism trouble." It has been implied that I am suffering from "some obscure illness," and that to expose myself to "dangers" in the ring may result in permanent suffering.

100 PER CENT FIT I don't know where the Doubting Thomases got their information, but doctors tell me that I am 100 per cent fit.

And I think all fair-minded people who saw my fight with Williams will have as much faith in my doctors' judgment as I have.

Before I entered the ring I felt much more confident than I did when I met Tommy Farr. And even my worst critics said that I deserved the verdict.

But many of them said that I had met Williams on one of his off days. I got little or no credit for making Williams fight the way he did.

The critics said nothing about my fitness, which, in view of the punishment I took, must

have been apparent even to those who know nothing about boxing.

UNFORTUNATE

Again, the slow, fat Cockell was reported to have beaten in the punch many times "one of the fastest heavyweights in the country."

On this evidence it would seem that perhaps "Poor Old Cockell" was not necessarily slow—but he could still pull something out of the bag to win the British Empire heavyweight title.

It was, of course, unfortunate for the critics that I won. It proved that they had underestimated me, both as a boxer and a person.

They had no means of knowing that I had never lost faith in myself as a person or a boxer. It wasn't a lucky fluke that enabled me to take the lightweight title from Mark Hart in 1951.

Nor was I lucky a year later when I beat Albert Vyl for the European title at the same weight.

I have worked hard at my trade ever since I began to box as a boy of 16. While other boys were having a good time dancing and playing around I was at work in the gym or watching the boys at the top of the boxing profession—learning how they had become masters at the game.

When I had trouble making 12st. 7lb., I did a lot of thinking. How would I fare as a heavyweight? I am short for the weight, and I realised I should be up against fighters several inches taller.

But something told me that if I could succeed in one class there was a good chance I'd succeed in another.

FAITH IN ONESELF Boxing is not all brains and brawn. There is another element that is not generally known—faith in oneself. It was mainly this that carried me to victory.

I feel no anger towards those who are fighting me now with words, and I can assure them, as the new Champion, that it won't be for the want of fitness or trying that I shall lose the title. If and when I do, it will be because my opponent is the better man.

The critics say I'm the "worst British heavyweight yet." I hope to prove that I am one of the best.

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DORIS DAY
EXPLAINS

Doris Day gave a little interview at her hotel the other day. It was all about how she was still managing to make good after six years in Hollywood. "Let's face it," said Miss Day, "this picture business doesn't have time to coddle its stars any more. The studios are getting less and less inclined to use people who create a fuss. So I do as I'm told. If you want to stay on top you have to."

Miss Day is right on both counts. She certainly does as she's told (she will take a lunch pack to the set day after day if anyone so much as mentions that she may be needed in a hurry) and she certainly is staying on top.

"I'm one of those girls who need a lot of sleep. When I'm working I get home at six, have supper, rest a while and then go to bed around 9.30. I just don't understand how some people can get to work sleepless."

And when she's not working Miss Day still takes it easy. She loves California and gets up at 9 every morning, just to have breakfast outside and enjoy the first sunshine. When I asked her recently whether or not there was any truth in the rumours that she might be heading for Broadway, she said quite directly "No. California here I stay!"

James Stewart will star in a film based on Cornell Woolrich's story "Rear Window." Director Alfred Hitchcock... Paramount has signed Joan Fontaine to star with Bob Hope in "Mr. Casanova." Shooting starts in July... Joan Crawford concentrates on dance numbers in her new film "Torch Song." As it was dancing that made her famous she's doing the right thing to keep herself that way.

When you have written songs, silence isn't golden. Songs which may never be heard might as well never have been written. That's the lament of Nicholas Brodsky, who wrote such popular successes as "Be My Love" and "Because You're Mine."

"I wrote three special songs for the movie version of Sigmund Romberg's 'The Student Prince'." That's the lament of Nicholas Brodsky, who wrote such popular successes as "Be My Love" and "Because You're Mine."

"These songs were for Mario Lanza. They are his kind of songs. They are called 'I Walk With God', 'Summertime in Heidelberg', and 'Beloved'. Who knows now if they will ever be heard?"

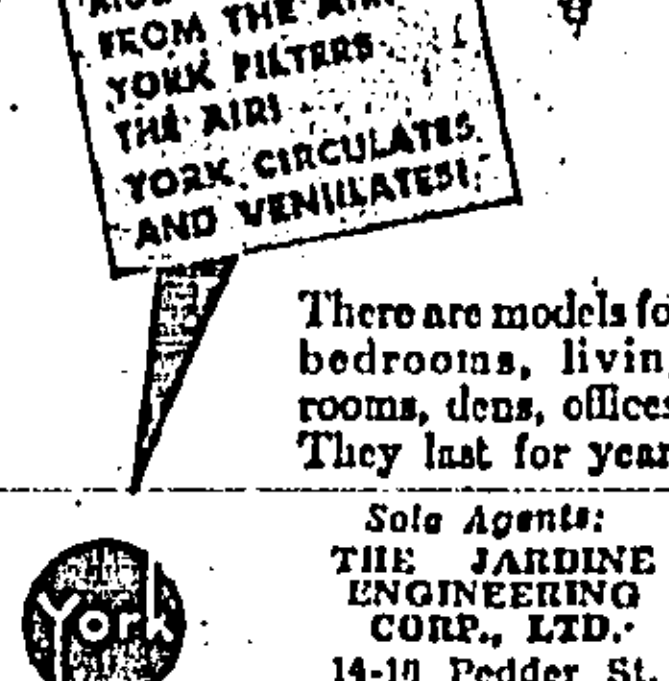
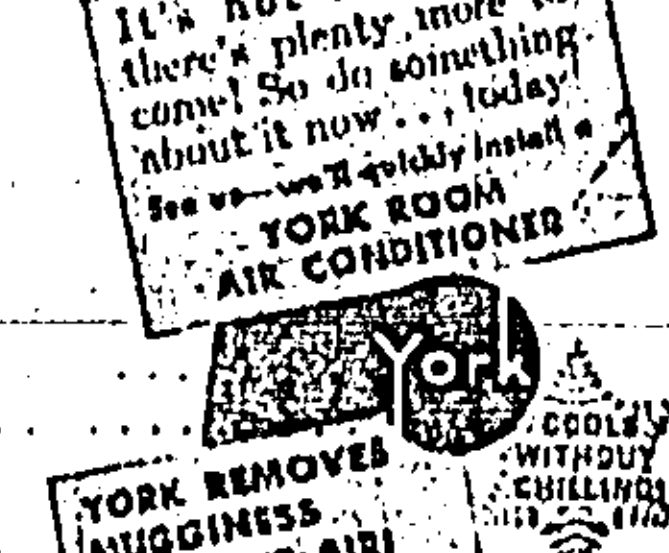
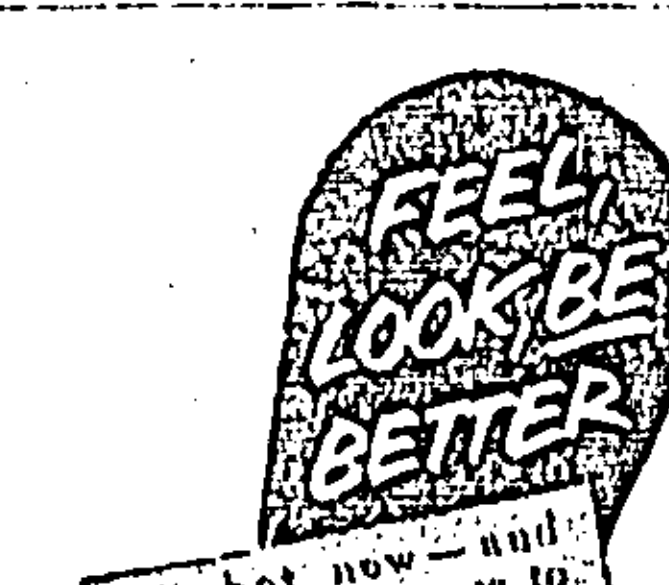
In the past year, Mr. Lanza and his studio, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, which dislikes temperament and hanky-panky by film stars, have had a falling out. Currently Mario is being sued by Metro for some eight million dollars, in round figures—if you like round figures, as Mario does. His poundage has been a constant problem and it is doubtful if today he could squeeze into the handsome and expensive uniforms made for him for 'The Student Prince'.

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British Hopes Jolted In One
"Black Hour" On The
Royal Liverpool Links

Hoylake, Cheshire, May 26.

British hopes of breaking the American postwar domination in the Amateur Golf Championship were severely jolted in one "black hour" on the Royal Liverpool links today.

In depressing succession Gerald Micklem, the new English Champion, Major David Blair, a Scottish international, and John Langley, already a member of this year's Walker Cup team, suffered second round defeats against home country golfers little known outside their own immediate areas.

Langley's one hole defeat by Alex Gray, of East Renfrewshire, ended on a note of tragedy with Langley hacking helplessly at his ball buried deep, high up in the face of a bunker, just short of the green.

Gordon Whitehead, a wholesale fishmonger, went to work at six o'clock, this morning and later embarked from Manchester to beat Micklem two and one. They were all square at the 14th but Whitehead won the 16th and 17th holes.

Blair was beaten one up by Graham Patrick, a pre-war Scottish international, who now plays only week-ends. All square, they both found the 18th hole with their seconds, for

Blair to three-putt himself out of the championship.

In last year's event Blair beat the defending Champion, American Dick Chapman, and the American Amateur Champion, Billy Maxwell, in one day.

The United States suffered minor losses, but the "big guns" are still there. Harvie Ward, the holder, from Atlanta, Georgia, brushed aside Irishman John Caldwell by seven and six, but Frank Stranahan, twice post-war winner and runner up last year, had to go all out to combat his mistakes to beat Ian Patley, former English Champion, by two and one.

—Reuter.

Nine Dragons
Club Results

The following are the results of the semi-finals of competitions played at the Nine Dragons Club on Thursday last:

Darts.—RAF v 33 Gen Hospital "A" 2; Wilts "A" walkover to HQRA, 40 Inf Div.

Table Tennis.—RAF "A" 3 RHQ/72 LAA Regt, RA 1; 33 Gen Hospital walkover to 32 Med Regt, RA.

The following will meet in the finals to be played at the club on Thursday commencing at 7 p.m. sharp:

Darts.—RAF v Wilts "A".

Table Tennis.—RAF "A" v 33 Gen Hospital.

Entries for the June competitions must be submitted by Saturday, May 30. The first round will be played at the Club on Thursday, June 4. Teams consist of five players for darts and four for table tennis. There is no entrance fee for either competition and trophies will be awarded to each member of the winning team in both competitions.

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"SHENGKING"	Keelung	7 a.m. 28th May	
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DEATHS

The Bishop and Clergy of the Hongkong Catholic Diocese announce with deep regret the sudden passing of Father Raphael Maglioli, which took place early this morning, May 27, 1953. Burial Service and Requiem Mass will begin at 9.30 a.m. to-morrow, May 28, at St. Margaret's Church, Lippo Valley; afterwards the funeral will proceed to St. Michael's Cemetery, R.I.P.

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No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 1st June, 1953, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 2nd June, 1953, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

DOUGLASS & CO., LTD. Agents.

Hongkong, 26th May, 1953.

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CONSIGNEES PER NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA M.S. "HIEIAN MARU"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co's godown where it will be at consignee's risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and condition of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in the godown for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on the 26th May, 1953.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 3rd June, 1953, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

DOUGLASS & CO., LTD. Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd May, 1953.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

M.S. "TAIPING" arrived 26th May, 1953.

Damaged cargo on this vessel will be surveyed by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf Godown at 10.00 a.m. on Friday 29th May and Saturday 30th May, 1953, and consignee's representatives are requested to be present during survey.

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Employers' Gentleman's Agreement

New Delhi, May 26
About 60 per cent of British and other foreign firms in India have given a "gentlemen's understanding" not to take on young British and other European employees when Indians are available.

An official of the Commerce and Industry Ministry said British and European executives had told the Ministry they would not bring from Europe employees between the ages of 24 and 30 to fill posts that otherwise would go to Indians.

However posts that called for older men of experience and technical ability would go to Europeans when no Indians were available.

This agreement is part of the Indian Government's "Indianisation" campaign to get more Indians into higher paid posts in foreign firms.

Results of a questionnaire last year showed that 75 per cent of executive and higher posts were held by non-Indians.

No Further Proposals On Trieste

Belgrade, May 26.
The Yugoslav Foreign Minister, M. Popovitch, said that Yugoslavia had made no new proposal to Italy regarding Trieste. He did not think that under present circumstances the conditions existed for solving the problem in accordance with the peace treaty with Italy.

M. Popovitch declared that Yugoslavia would continue to support direct negotiation of the issue.

Commenting on the Soviet refusal to take part in the deputation's talk on the Austrian treaty, M. Popovitch said that the reasons given were not convincing, and that the Kremlin preferred global negotiations to direct settlement of a relatively simple question.

Referring to the Bermuda conference, M. Popovitch insisted that no decision should be taken without the small nations involved being consulted.

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Outwards from UK	Due	For
"SUNDA"	31st May	Japan
Homewards	Sails	For
"SOMALI"	6th June	Singapore, Penang, Port Swettenham, Colombo, Aden, Port Said, Suez, Haifa, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hamburg
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"SANTHIA"	due 12th June	from Calcutta, Haifa, Port Said & Straits
	sails 13th June	for Japan

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"OLINDA"	due 31st May	from P. Gulf, Haifa, Bombay, Colombo & Suez
	sails 1st June	for Japan
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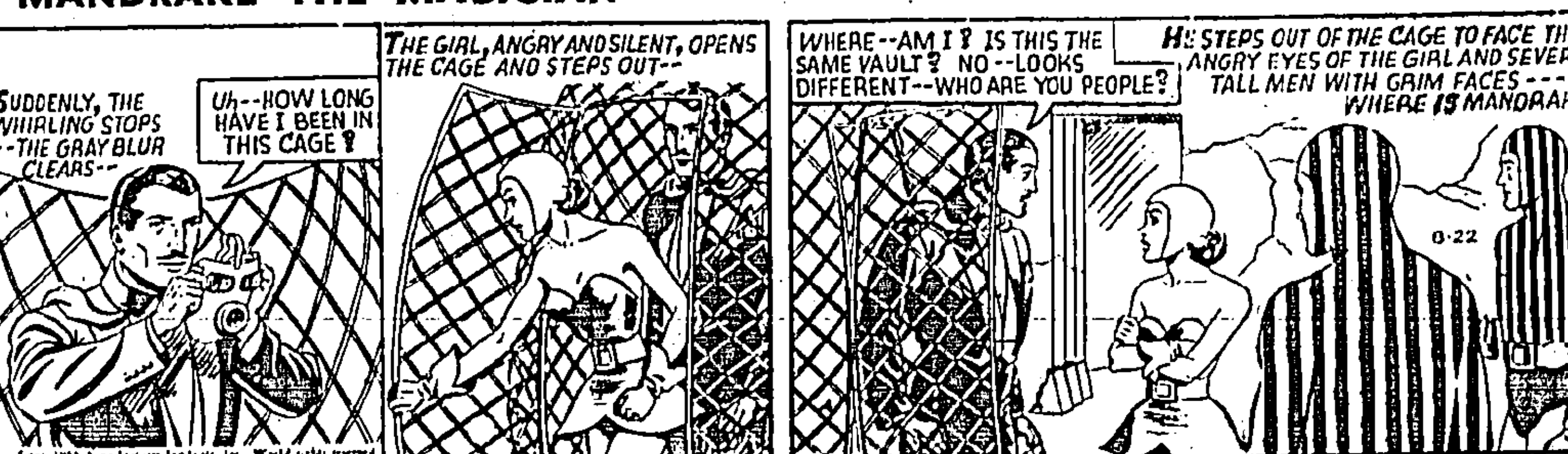
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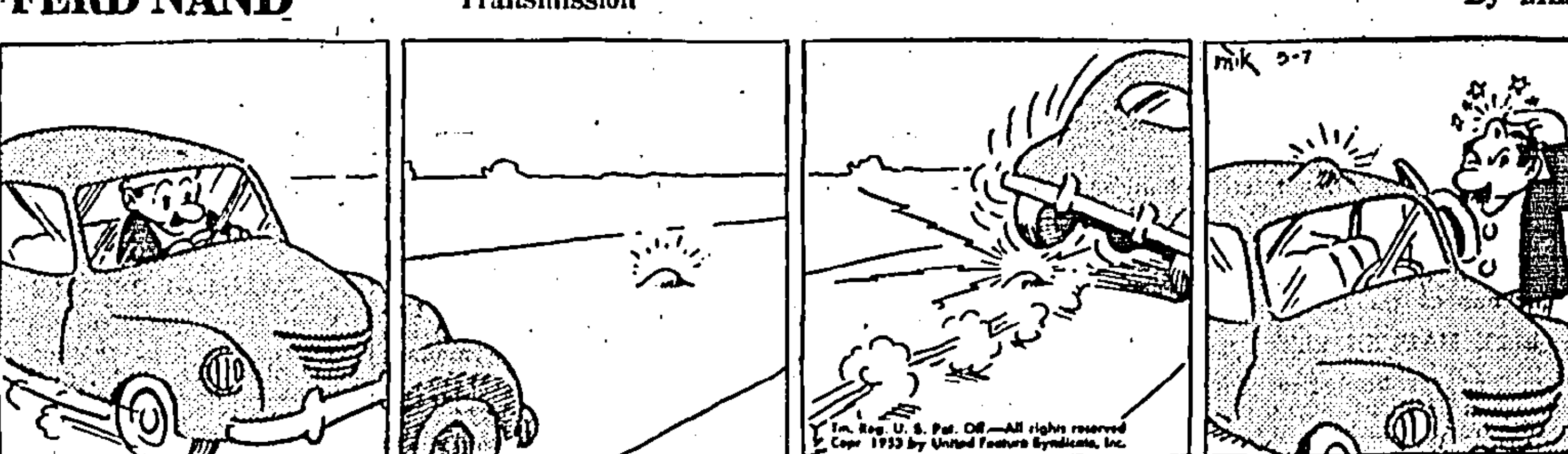
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The Lord's Prayer: New Version

From all parts of Britain people are writing to the Rev. W. G. White, 75-year vicar of Houghley, near Ipswich, asking to be supplied with copies of his "revised" version of the Lord's Prayer.

And nearly everyone who has written to the vicar, says of having been troubled by the phrase "Lead us not into temptation" in the established version.

M. White says "the phrase arose in translation--from the Greek to Latin and then into English. His own version is a translation from the Aramaic. He said: 'I have been greatly encouraged by these letters and I am hopeful that eventually this new version of the Lord's Prayer may be universally adopted.'

"Many of those who have written are old folk who say that the accepted version with phrase about 'Leading us not into temptation' has puzzled them since childhood."

Mr White's version reads: "Our Heavenly Father, May your Name be hallowed; your Way be owned and your Will be done as in the heavens, so also upon earth."

"Give us bread for our needs from day to day. Forgive our neglected duties, as we have forgiven those who have neglected their duty to us; leading us out of temptation, delivering us from evil. Amen."

London, May 26/53

Husband and wife, married 41 years, for the Coronation party at Heme Bay, Kent, because the urban council have fixed the age limit at 65.

Bellingham Over 60's Club have complained that, because the husband might be getting a bit old, they would not be able to go to the tea together.

They asked the Council to lower the age limit, but the Council said it must stay.

Japanese Skill For Oil? Abadan Project

Tokyo, May 26. The Japanese Idemitsu Koshu company, owner of the tanker Nisayo Maru, 12,000 tons, which recently brought 18,000 tons of oil to Japan from Abadan, is going on with arrangements to obtain more oil from Persia.

On the other hand, other companies in Japan report that they have been officially informed that all further dollar allotments by the Japanese Government will specify that the funds are not to be used for the purchase of Persian oil.

It is reported that the Idemitsu company, with funds already allocated for oil purchases, plans to send the tanker to Abadan for a third voyage, when she returns from her second trip on which she sailed a week or so ago.

The company is also said to intend making future purchases by barter if the Government does not allocate funds. The preferred method would be to exchange Japanese technical skill for oil.

CHEAPEST DEAL

It is estimated that the Anglo-Iranian refineries, running under Japanese technical supervision, could put out in a fraction of one day enough to supply all Japan's needs for a month.

This would offer the cheapest barter deal ever dreamed of, even with cheap manpower.

Another threat of stiff competition to British and American interests in Japan is the Soviet Union's offer to export Russian-controlled North Sakhalin oil to Japan.

This would be 10 per cent cheaper than British and American oil and there would be freightage advantages.

Revelations In Singapore's Annual Report

The Singapore Annual Report for 1952 contains some interesting revelations.

Singapore's public finances are described as healthy. There is likely to be a surplus on the year's working of over \$38 millions (about £4½ millions).

This will bring the general revenue balance to over \$103 millions. The public debt is \$115 millions. Provision for sinking funds and payment of interest amounted, in 1952, to under \$6 millions, less than 3.4 per cent of the Colony's revenue.

The explanation given for the abandonment of a major, and most necessary, social research programme is "lack of funds."

Singapore's wealth is not reflected in the Colony's rates of public assistance, which are officially admitted to be well below subsistence level. To get even this charity there is a means test, in addition to a residential test.

This residential test appears to be based on the strange notion that an old person who has lived in the colony for ten years does not need so much to keep him alive as a person the same age who has lived in the colony for twenty years.

INCOME TAX

Even in face of Communist threats to solve all social problems through unorthodox methods, the Singapore Government still hesitates to increase the income tax (which at present produces 36½ per cent of the total revenue) from the 30 per cent charged companies and the 3 to 30 per cent charged individuals.

Consequently the gap between the very poor and the very rich in Singapore remains much too wide.

Yet even in his reference to the expansion of the social services "planned for the next few years" the Colonial

Secretary could not bring himself to admit that the cost would have to be met by increased taxation. Part, he promised, might come from reserves.

In one part of the report there are claims that "a great effort" was made in 1952 to tackle the shortage of houses, "one of the Colony's most intractable problems," by providing accommodation for about ten thousand people. Elsewhere the report admits that the only way to solve the problem, in view of the fact that the population is increasing at the rate of 30,000 annually, is to provide, at rents which tenants can afford to pay, at least sixty thousand new dwellings immediately.

If the present rate of population increase goes on, and the present rate of building is not increased, the need in ten years will be for a hundred thousand dwellings.

The simple truth is that thousands of Singapore's homeless earn less than \$200 (£22) a month, which the Government argues means "that it is not possible to build for this category and charge economic rents." It is hardly to be wondered at if poor people in Singapore, feeling themselves neglected by the authorities, are tempted to listen to the Communists' promises to solve the problem for them?

In the city area alone there are 50,000 people living "in illegally constructed houses of plank and attap, corrugated iron and old kerosene tins, huddled together in squalid insanitary kampongs with inadequate access of drainage and without proper facilities of conservancy or nightsoil disposal."

Forced to do something about this shocking situation, the Government is now offering, at a nominal rent, a small piece of land, provided with drains, and building areas, and hardstandings, upon which squatters can put up their own shelter. Even this is a temporary expedient. There is no guarantee that they will not be moved after ten years.

Very little reference in the report is made to the growth of prostitution in Singapore, apart from the explanation that it is not an offence. Yet it is well known that several thousand girls, many under the age of 18, have been forced into this profession through economic pressure.

Cotton Prices In New York

New York, May 26. Cotton traders crowded all of today's activity into the opening and closing transactions. In between time, the market drifted aimlessly in quiet dealings.

A spurt of covering by day traders at the finish collided with scattered trade demand. Closing at the day's best levels, the list was 70 to 10 points higher. The opening feature came in the sale of around 5,000 bales of July by a broker often acting for Dallas interests. The selling in July was put down to liquidation for the account of the same mill interests which took up the bulk of the cotton put out on the March and May deliveries.

The Government weekly crop summary took a decided turn for the better this week. Clearing conditions with warmer temperatures were favourable for planting, replanting, choppings, cultivation and other farm work in the main belt. Traders in the central belt are going full blast day and night in a feverish attempt to plant as much cotton as possible before June 1. Prices closed as follows:

Spot	34.20
July	33.77-33.70
October	33.80
December	33.83-33.80
March	33.85
May	33.87 nominal
July	33.92 nominal
October	33.95 nominal

—United Press.

Gold Napoleon Drops

Paris, May 26. The price of the French gold Napoleon dropped 50 francs today from 3,500 to 3,450 francs. The black market currency rate also dropped—from 414 to 410 on the dollar compared with the legal rate of 350. The drop was believed to be explained by speculators taking their profits. —United Press.

BONN AND THE SOVIET

Talk Of Trade Resumption

(From Denis Martin)

Bonn, May 26. West Germany hopes to reopen its traditional exchange of goods with the Soviet Union within the next few months.

Negotiations have already begun—well kept secret disclosed by the "Eastern Committee" of the powerful Federation of German Industries.

The Russians, say German spokesmen, have submitted a list of goods which they would like to order from the booming industries of the Ruhr.

The list has not been published, but according to the Germans, it contains no materials of "strategic value." The Russians, it is understood, are particularly anxious to exchange food and grain products for machinery and consumer goods from Germany.

Contact was established with the Russians at last month's meeting in Geneva of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.

There, for the first time since the war, a team of German experts put out feelers to the two European Iron Curtain states with which Germany still has no trade relations.

DIRECT TALKS

Lists have now reached Bonn from both countries, and direct negotiations between Bucharest and Moscow and Bonn are expected to take place soon.

Allied security officials are watching these developments closely, particularly the Americans who have been trying for years to close what they call the "back door to China" via the Bonn Republic and the Soviet Zone of Germany.

The Germans, on the other hand, believe that they must in the long run turn to Eastern Europe for solution to their export problems.

The so-called "Eastern Committee" was set up many months ago and includes representatives of all important industries in the Bonn Republic.—London Express Service.

The Rubber Markets

Singapore, May 26.

Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:

Number 1 rubber	70½-71
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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Blind-Alley Boys

THE sight of the seven boys called back an ancient personal memory—of waiting outside a headmaster's study for an interview that was foreordained to end painfully.

The boys, all about 16 years old, sat on a bench in the anteroom to Great Marlborough Street court. Their shining morning faces were pale and scared, every hair on their heads was glued in place by grease; their eyes were all straight, and their necks all clean. So neat, so quiet, they hardly seemed like boys at all.

As I passed them one said to the rest in an urgent whisper: "This is one of them courts as sits right through the day, to the right of the time." The others shuddered as if they had been told that within the courtroom doors a hanging judge worked round the clock.

NOW, A CHANGE

HALFWAY through the morning's work in court, the case of the seven boys was called. The case, rather of the eight boys; for one of their companions, a youth named Ross, being just over 17, had qualified to await trial with the adult prisoners, while the younger ones sat outside.

"Ross and seven juveniles, sir," said the gaoler, in the tone of a comrade announcing a children's act for which he did not wish to be thought in any way responsible.

Now, the boys seemed to have undergone a subtle change in personality. There was defiance in their bearing, and they pleaded guilty in clipped syllables out of the sides of their mouths, as gangsters do in films.

AT MIDNIGHT

THE charge was that, just before midnight, they had obstructed a Soho alleyway. The magistrate, Mr. Paul Bennett, V.C., raised his eyebrows when he heard the time of the offence. He said then again when he heard the name of the Soho alleyway where it had been committed.

Only a few minutes earlier, five Irishmen and one Irishwoman had been before him for fighting in the same place. The boys had not fought, but had just hung around, completely blocking the alley, refusing to move on when ordered.

"What's the attraction of this alley?" he asked the boys.

THE SILENT SEVEN

SEVEN were silent, one said: "We'd been to the pictures, we was just finishing."

"What time did you come out of the pictures?"

"Could've been getting on for 11," answered the boys' spokesman.

"Wouldn't you have done better to get back to your homes in Peckham?" Mr. Bennett inquired. "Did your parents know where you were?"

"The boys did not answer, but the policeman who had arrested them went into the witness-box, and said some of their parents were in court. A father came forward.

"Does your boy come up to the West End much?" Mr. Bennett asked him.

"Oh, yes," the father replied. "You don't worry when he comes home very late?"

"Oh, no," said the father. "Mind you, I wouldn't mind him coming home a bit earlier, but I don't worry."

"What time did they get home after this?" the magistrate asked.

The policeman answered, "I drove them home at 6.20 in the morning, sir," he said.

AND SO, HOME

THE magistrate turned to the seven. "You'd better all go home now," he said, and discharged them absolutely. The boys went off looking mightily relieved. They had not feared the penalty of their crime, I think (magistrates have not the powers of punishment, headmasters possess). What had really worried them was the unfounded rumour that the court sat through the day and into the night. If they had been obliged to wait so long it might have seriously interfered with the freedom of the town that was theirs by night.

BRITISH FIRM WINS US ARMY CONTRACT

Washington, May 26. The United States Army announced today that the British Ferranti Electric Company had been awarded a contract to supply six transformers for the McNary Dam on the Columbia River in Oregon.

The British bid of \$57,000 dollars (£300,285) was the lowest.

Next lowest bid came from another British company, English Electric, with \$63,081 dollars (£320,386). The nearest United States competitor, the Maloney Electric Company of St. Louis, tendered for \$83,228 dollars (\$351,162 sterling).

An announcement here said the 6,500 kilowatt transformers would be manufactured at Hollinwood, England.

The acceptance of Ferranti's bid was warmly welcomed in diplomatic and government circles here, as evidence that the Defence Department was supporting President Eisenhower's declaration of trade not aid.

It has to some extent softened the blow of the rejection of English Electric's bid, some 1,000,000 dollars lower than the nearest American bid to supply electrical equipment for the bigger project at Chief Joseph Dam, Washington State.

All the bids for Chief Joseph Dam were rejected, and were readvertised this month on the basis of new technical specifications.—Reuter.

GAOL FOR TREASON

London, May 26. Communist Czechoslovakia tonight announced almost apologetically that she had sentenced two men to gaol for life, and two others to 25 years, on charges of treason and spying.

The first state trial behind the Iron Curtain, since Stalin's death was almost hushed up in the 400 word account issued by the official Czechoslovak agency Ceteka.

This was the more remarkable, since one of the accused was Richard Slansky—brother of Rudolf Slansky, the former Secretary-General of the Czechoslovak Communist Party, who was executed last December after being found guilty of treason and espionage.

Slansky was made a scapegoat for almost all the domestic ills of his Communist country, was named as a Jew and accused of "Zionism", which apparently was a deadly crime. For weeks and months thereafter, the Czech press and radio heaped abuse on him.—Reuter.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Basketball's almost over and it isn't time for baseball yet—they'll be asking for dates pretty soon!"

London Gardens Become Garrison Town



Kensington Gardens have been turned into a miniature military camp for use by British and Commonwealth troops taking part in the Coronation. Seven hundred troops and airmen put up a tent every few minutes and the camp was completed in a single day.—London Express photo.

Reynaud To Seek His Investiture

Paris, May 27. Premier-designate Paul Reynaud will present himself before the National Assembly today to obtain his investiture.

By rushing through the process and by giving up traditional consultations with parliamentary groups, he wanted to show the urgency of giving the present cabinet crisis a prompt settlement. However, he also wanted to avoid watering down the sobering picture he intends to give to the present situation and the strict programme he will outline and the means to improve it.

In a recent speech Reynaud said the dilemma was the following: either France was to have a government of national unity to take measures for national salvation, or a government enjoying full powers to carry out for lack of joint parliamentary action.

The session on Wednesday might well produce some surprises. It can be said that the parliamentary groups will meet during recesses and will take a stand after hearing the opening statement by the Premier-designate.—France-Press.

Israeli-Jordan Frontier Incidents Cause Anxiety

Tel-Aviv, May 26. Growing tension along the Israeli-Jordan border has led to recent intervention from both the United States and Britain, usually reliable sources here said today.

In attacks last night on three Israeli villages east of Lydda in the coastal area one woman was killed and five others, all women and children, were wounded, an Israeli army spokesman said. He added that the attacks were carried out "by the armed forces of Jordan."

Israel has lodged a sharp protest to the Mixed Armistice Commission against these latest attacks and has demanded an immediate emergency meeting of the Commission.

The incidents have increased the anxiety of Western diplomats here who fear such sparks may set the border ablaze.

The American initiative came after the visit to Israel of the United States Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, the sources said. Mr. Dulles was reported to have sent an informal suggestion to the Israeli Government during his stay in Amman earlier this month.

The sources said his proposals included contact at lower levels between Israeli and Jordanian local commanders, mixed patrols, and co-operation between officers on the spot to prevent infiltration and border incidents.

Several weeks ago Britain made proposals for high level talks in Tel-Aviv and Amman and similar proposals were made by the United Nations Chief of Staff in Palestine, Lieutenant-General William Riley. But these were refused by the Jordan authorities.

It is expected in Western diplomatic circles here that Britain will use her influence in Amman to urge Jordan's acceptance of the latest American suggestions.

The Israeli Army spokesman, describing last night's attacks on the three villages, said they were "a murdering and co-ordinated attack."

The Israeli-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission held an emergency meeting in Jerusalem today and decided to investigate three Israeli complaints and one Jordanian complaint on alleged violations of the armistice agreement, according to the spokesman.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Echoes of the Theatre, 6.30. BBC Coronation Bandstand—Brigade and Huddersfield Band Huddersfield Choral Society (BBC), 7. Lucky Dip—Variety Requests presented by Margherita (Studio), 7.30. World Report, 8. Time Signal, 8.15. World News and News Talk (London Relay), 8.15. Letter from America by Allister Cooke (Recorded London Relay), 8.30. "Festival of Youth". In the presence of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, G.C.M.G. From the Soekopoos Football Ground, Commentator: Norman Tucker (ON), 9.45. Wednesday Theatre—The Calendar. A Play by Edgar Waller, directed by Radio by Cynthia Pugh (BBC), 10.45. Hands across the Key: Patricia Rosebrough, 10.45. Weather Report, 11. Radio News Reel (London Relay), 11.15. Goodnight Music: God Save The Queen, 11.30. Close Down.

"God Save The Queen" Radio Hongkong last night broadcast a feature programme entitled "God Save The Queen" one of a series of BBC Coronation programmes.

The first half of the programme tells how the tune which has become the National Anthem of the British Commonwealth countries and a national air of other countries, has also been incorporated in major works by great European composers.

In the second half of the programme, listeners were transported in imagination to Westminster Abbey to hear some of the music forming part of the coronation of the Coronation.

Four men, described as spies for America, have been shot in Russia after being dropped by parachute in the Ukraine on the night of April 25 and 26, the Soviet Home Ministry said today.

The announcement was published in Pravda and Izvestia, the two leading Moscow papers.

The announcement said the agents, who bore Russian sounding names, were armed, had four American-built short-wave transmitters, Soviet and foreign money and gold as well as plates to print anti-Soviet leaflets.

The four "diversionists" were sentenced to death by the Military Collegium of the Soviet Supreme Court. They made confessions, the announcement said.—Reuter.

Doctor Cross-Examined In Murder Trial

The trial of Pte Bernard Cox, 23, charged with the murder of medical orderly John Needs, at the Norwegian Farm Camp on March 21, reached its closing stages at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Cox, of the 1st Battalion, the Royal Norfolk Regiment, is alleged to have shot Needs with a rifle taken from the guardhouse after he had been brought back to Camp by the Military Police from a Fanling dance hall.

He is being defended by Mr Charles Losby QC, instructed by Mr R. E. Moore. Crown Counsel, Mr D. F. O'Reilly Mayne is prosecuting, assisted by Det. Insp. E. P. Grace, and the presiding Judge is Mr Justice C.W. Rees.

Mr Losby began his closing address after the evidence of Dr Yapp Pow-ming, medical officer in charge of the Mental Hospital, who was called by the Prosecution, had concluded.

Cross-examined by Mr Losby, Dr Yapp said he was not aware that after World War I 30,000 ex-servicemen were certified patients in asylums, but it was possible that war had the effect of precipitating mental illness.

Dr Yapp said that investigations during the last war showed that the incidence of mental illness did not show an increase over that of peace time.

Mr Losby: Does excessive strain have an effect in many cases of incipient mental trouble?

Witness: Theoretically, yes. It depends on the individual case and it depends on the mental trouble you are looking for.

Heavy drinking, does that precipitate incipient insanity?

Asked whether he thought his previous post on no alcoholism in Cox's past history was correct, Dr Yapp said he wrote that from information given to him by Cox's colleague, Pte Cook, who told him Cox was not an excessive drinker. He meant there was no pathological alcoholism.

Referring to the doctor's first report, Mr Losby asserted: "You wrote all this down for the purpose of expressing an opinion adverse to the man."

This, the doctor denied. "For what purpose, then?" asked Counsel.

Dr Yapp said that it was to exclude certain possibilities from a medical point of view.

Mr Losby contended that the whole report from beginning to end was "rubbish" and it was well-known that the facts were otherwise.

"My report contains certain points in its favour," said the doctor.

Witness: For instance if he had been concussed in Korea it would have made him more susceptible to alcohol.

You deliberately put that in because you thought that would hurt him—I don't quite follow you.

Questioned by Mr Losby about his, Dr Yapp said that if the attack occurred in infancy and early childhood they could be due to all sorts of things and might be of no significance.

Replying to Mr Losby witness said that the term "aggressive psychopath" was used to describe a person who had a disorder of character which did not amount to insanity.

Mr Losby: But border-line insanity?

Witness: It could be border-line insanity.

You did describe Cox as an aggressive psychopath—yes.

Would you still describe him as that?—He could still be described as that.

Now that you know his mental history you could possibly add to it—I think it may bear some relationship to the fact that he had one brother insane.

If you get an aggressive psychopath and add to it such a family history as this then at the lowest stage you get a border-line insanity—it could be.

And a border-line insanity is a case of a person who may go over the border line at any time?—Yes, that is possible, depending on the stress he has to undergo.

Do you think a war plus heavy drinking may be a stress?—Yes, a battle experience could be a stress.

Mr Losby then proceeded to take the witness through his first report, correcting it. He pointed out that the witness had stated the accused was free from physical and mental disease whereas at present it was admitted that he might go over the border under stress. The doctor had also stated there was no insanity, epilepsy or alcoholism in his family, continued Mr Losby.

At this stage, the doctor remarked that he did not think it quite fair to put that report forward as his present evidence in

Court. It was a tentative report, and he told the Director of Criminal Investigation so when he submitted it because he knew that there was more information forthcoming from Scotland Yard. The evidence he was giving in Court should be taken as the real evidence.

NO OPPORTUNITY Mr Losby said that all he was putting to the witness was that his enquiries were insufficient.

Dr Yapp said he did ask for permission to interview Cox's father but he did not get the opportunity.

He said that one brother being insane did not mean a very bad history, although there was certainly insanity in the family, whereas suicide could be a rational act although that also must be taken into consideration.

Holding a telegram in his hand, Mr Losby told the witness that he would put a hypothetical case to him. Supposing the records of an asylum showed that a man entered there voluntarily in May, 1948, was discharged after an escape, readmitted in June, 1948 and certified a schizophrenic, condition deteriorating; that he was aggressive, had persecution delusions, was violent and childish, his previous post on no alcoholism in Cox's past history were true help you to surmise the condition of his brother?

Mr Losby asked.

WOULD HELP Dr Yapp replied that it would help, but there were other scientific facts, actual figures which showed the chances of a person becoming insane from schizophrenia, one of his brothers or sisters were a schizophrenic. But a doctor would certainly enquire into this information for his surmise, he added.

He said that the accused was aggressive but he found no evidence of persecution delusions.

Crown Counsel objected to Mr Losby "waving the telegram about" unless he decided to put it in as evidence; if not all questions were purely hypothetical, he added.

The jury were dismissed for a short while for Counsel to argue the point, but subsequently Mr Losby did not seek to have the telegram put in as an exhibit.

The case is proceeding.

What's His Line? Solution TAX INSPECTOR London Express Service

Atomic Energy And Private Industry

Washington, May 26. The Atomic Energy Commission urged Congress today to amend the law to permit private industry to help develop atomic power for industrial uses that would be "economically competitive" with other power sources.—United Press.

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